

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Eighty-First Session
February 10, 2021**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 6:44 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, Online. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), and the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Assemblyman Jason Frierson
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
Assemblyman Tom Roberts
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles
Assemblyman Howard Watts

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mary O'Hair, Committee Manager
Adam Cates, Committee Secretary
Janice Wright, Committee Secretary



Bet Torres, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Carlton:

[The meeting was called to order and roll was taken.] We are here this evening in work session to consider Assembly Bill (A.B.) 106 and, pursuant to section 4 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 57, Speaker Frierson has approved for this Committee to take action on this measure earlier than the 24-hour time limit. With that, we are within our purview to move this bill this evening.

Assembly Bill 106: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Economic Development for the provision of grants to certain entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. (BDR S-899)

Chair Carlton:

Before us we have Assembly Bill 106. We just had a very good hearing on it and a lot of comment. I will open it up for any questions or comments on the bill at this time from any Committee members.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson:

I am absolutely in support of this bill and what the bill does. The fact that it gives money to nonprofits and arts organizations I think is very important. I will say, and I do want it on the record, that for me there is a distinction on where this money is coming from, in that it originated as Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money and is now sitting in our State General Fund. That is an important distinction for me because I feel like we are getting it out for the originally intended purpose. The language in the bill is sufficient enough to reference the origin of those dollars. I look forward to this money getting out to the public.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any other comments at this time?

Assemblywoman Titus:

Going off Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson's comments about this money and how it came to this bill, coming into the General Fund and going back out, I want folks to really understand the urgency on doing this because there is a time limit for when we have to spend these funds. That is another reason why we are pushing this forward, and the Governor is pushing this forward, because there is an ending on this. We do not want our small businesses or nonprofits or the arts waiting any longer because we may lose these funds. I think there is that sense of urgency here, and I am also supportive of moving this along as fast as we can.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any other questions or comments from Committee members at this time? [There were none.] I will accept a motion on A.B. 106.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 106.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments on this motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Carlton:

Thank you, Committee members, for your time and attention this evening and being willing to work expeditiously to get this very important bill processed and to the floor. With that we will go to public comment. [There was no one.]

I believe all the public comment has been made for this evening. With that, I am happy to adjourn Ways and Means. We will fill out committee reports, send it to the floor, and, Mr. Speaker, it is now up to the call of the Chair. With that, Committee members, we are adjourned [at 6:50 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Adam Cates
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.