

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

**Eighty-First Session
April 5, 2021**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 9:02 a.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021, Online. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, 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
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:

Assemblyman Jason Frierson (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mary O'Hair, Committee Manager
Carmen Neveau, Committee Secretary
Bet Torres, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Carlton:

[Roll was taken, and Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] Today we will have a work session for Assembly Bill 86.

Assembly Bill 86: Makes various changes relating to the recovery of certain expenses and costs incurred in extinguishing wildfires. (BDR 42-111)

Chair Carlton:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, will walk us through the bill.

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 86 was heard by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means on March 29, 2021. The bill revises the circumstances under which a person, firm, association, or agency may be liable for expenses and costs incurred in extinguishing wildfires. The bill also removes the requirement that a fire or other emergency must have threatened human life for expenses to be recovered. The bill provides that a person, firm, association, or agency may also be liable for expenses incurred in extinguishing a fire or meeting an emergency by a city, agency, or general improvement district created to furnish fire protection. The bill authorizes the governing body of a county, city, or general improvement district created to furnish fire protection to create an action against a person, firm, association, or agency that is responsible for willfully and negligibly causing a wildfire to recover any expenses incurred in extinguishing the wildfire and reasonable attorney fees and litigation expenses. This bill would be effective on October 1, 2021, and the bill's presenters included Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, along with Michael Brown, Fire Chief (Retired), North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, representing the Nevada State Fire Chief's Association and Terry Taylor, Fire Investigator, Fire Prevention Association of Nevada. There was no additional testimony in support, opposition, or neutral, and there were no amendments proposed.

Chair Carlton:

I know that Assemblywoman Peters had shared an amendment that she is working on, but that amendment had nothing to do with the fiscal side of the bill, so we did not discuss the amendment. That discussion will happen at another time. Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion for A.B. 86.

A MOTION TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 86 WAS MADE BY
ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any question or comments on the motion?

Assemblywoman Titus:

I will vote to do pass A.B. 86, but I will reserve the right to change my vote on the floor. I have not seen the proposed amendment yet, and I am voting on something I have not read and may not understand the full implications of yet. I know that is not for the money committee, but it may change how I vote on the floor.

Chair Carlton:

That would be your vote on the amendment, not on the bill coming out of this Committee, a different action. Are there any other comments from Committee members? I see that Assemblymen Hafen, Leavitt, and Roberts have echoed Assemblywoman Titus's concern and disclosure.

For clarification, we are not considering the amendment, we are only considering the bill. You will be voting on the amendment in a different forum. We are merely sending this bill back to the floor. With that, I will call for a vote to do pass A.B. 86.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

With that vote, A.B. 86 will move back to the floor. The next order of business is a bill introduction for Bill Draft Request (BDR) 23-1083.

BDR 23-1083 — Revises provisions relating to juvenile justice. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 448](#).)

Chair Carlton:

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 23-1083 revises provisions relating to juvenile justice, designating criminal investigators employed by the Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services, as category II peace officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

I will accept a motion to introduce BDR 23-1083.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON MOVED TO INTRODUCE BILL DRAFT REQUEST 23-1083.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any question or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were none.] I will call for a vote to introduce BDR 23-1083.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

Chair Carlton:

That completes our business before us today. I will open the meeting for public comment.
[There was none.] This meeting is adjourned [at 9:13 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carmen M. Neveau
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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