

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Eighty-Second Session
May 18, 2023**

The Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair Selena Torres at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023, in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. 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/82nd2023.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Selena Torres, Chair
Assemblywoman Bea Duran, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Max Carter
Assemblyman Rich DeLong
Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva
Assemblywoman Cecelia González
Assemblyman Bert Gurr
Assemblyman Brian Hibbetts
Assemblyman Gregory Koenig
Assemblyman Richard McArthur
Assemblyman Duy Nguyen
Assemblywoman Angie Taylor
Assemblywoman Clara Thomas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill, Assembly District No. 40

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst
Asher Killian, Committee Counsel

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Sarah Delap, Committee Counsel
Judi Bishop, Committee Manager
Diane Abbott, Committee Secretary
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Lau, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada
Cheryl Price, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada

[Roll was taken. Committee rules and protocols were provided.] Welcome to the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs, the hardest-working Committee in the Nevada State Legislature.

Welcome to the audience in Carson City. We are going to start with our work session today. As a reminder to the Committee, it is not customary for the Committee to take testimony or otherwise rehear the bills during a work session. However, I may invite a witness to come forward for clarification or questions during consideration of the measure. Today, we are going start with Senate Bill 19.

Senate Bill 19: Revises provisions relating to local governments. (BDR 21-397)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 19 authorizes a board of county commissioners to provide by ordinance for the formation of an unincorporated town that:

- Includes territory that is conveyed or transferred to the county, or authorized to be conveyed or transferred to the county, pursuant to certain federal law; or
- Is located not more than one mile from such territory.

The bill also makes various related provisions involving public hearings, a town advisory board, corporate limits of the city, and annexation. There are no amendments for this measure [Exhibit C].

Chair Torres:

I will accept a motion to do pass Senate Bill 19.

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 19.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.] At this time, we will go ahead and take the vote.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Duran. Next, we will move on with Senate Bill 81 (1st Reprint).

**Senate Bill 81 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing regional planning.
(BDR S-536)**

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee, Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 81 (1st Reprint) requires, through 2026, representatives from Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe Counties and the incorporated cities within each of these counties to meet to discuss and identify positive and negative issues relating to growth in the region [\[Exhibit D\]](#). The county managers of such counties are further required to prepare and approve an annual report that makes recommendations intended to resolve any negative impacts on the orderly management of growth in the region. The measure also requires the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly to each appoint two members from their respective houses, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, to meet jointly with certain representatives to identify and discuss positive and negative issues relating to growth in the region. The legislative members and each city manager who participates in these joint meetings serve in an ex officio capacity.

There is an attached amendment submitted by the bill sponsor at the hearing. The bill sponsor additionally requested that it be clear that the report required in subsection 2 of section 1 be a "joint" report, and there was a small typo in the amendment; however, that was not actually in the bill language.

The other thing I wanted to mention is Mary Walker had proposed an amendment at the bill hearing, and it was that those two members who are to be designated by the Majority Leader of each house, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Majority Leader, be instead, one would be appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader and one by the Senate Minority Leader. The minority representative in each house would be appointed by them. I am sorry about that. I did not get that in the work session document, but that is also up for consideration.

Chair Torres:

We will take a one-minute recess. [The Committee recessed at 10:09:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10:09:34 a.m.]

Are there any questions at this time? I will accept a motion to amend and do pass Senate Bill 81 (1st Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DURAN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO
PASS SENATE BILL 81 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.] We will move on to the vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN DELONG, GURR, HIBBETTS, KOENIG, AND MCARTHUR VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Taylor. We will move on to Senate Bill 247.

Senate Bill 247: Revises provisions relating to regional planning. (BDR 22-684)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 247 authorizes, instead of requires, the board of county commissioners and the city council of each of the three largest cities in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently, only Clark County) to establish a regional planning coalition by cooperative agreement [[Exhibit E](#)].

There are no amendments for this measure.

Chair Torres:

Committee members, do you have any questions? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to do pass Senate Bill 247.

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 247.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYMAN D'SILVA.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman González. We will move next to Senate Bill 323.

Senate Bill 323: Revises provisions relating to peace officers. (BDR 23-925)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 323 requires the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (POST) to adopt regulations to establish standards for the reciprocity of a person from another state or the federal government with the certification or law enforcement training equivalent to serve as a category III peace officer in this State [[Exhibit F](#)].

There are no amendments for this measure.

Chair Torres:

Committee members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I did want to have it clear on the record that this was inclusive of tribal law enforcement. Is that correct, Legal?

Asher Killian, Committee Counsel:

Thank you, Madam Chair. It is my understanding that most tribal law enforcement are certified under federal law and the bill does provide for inclusion of certification under federal law. Additionally, the requirements established by the bill are a floor rather than a ceiling. To the extent that any tribal law enforcement is not currently certified under federal law, POST would have the ability to adopt regulations that do include those tribal law enforcement officers.

Chair Torres:

Committee members, are there any additional questions at this time? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to do pass Senate Bill 323.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DURAN MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 323.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Hibbetts. We will move to Senate Bill 433 (1st Reprint).

**Senate Bill 433 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to prevailing wages.
(BDR 28-541)**

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 433 (1st Reprint) requires the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations establishing the factors to be considered when determining whether prevailing wages are required to be paid on a public works project [[Exhibit G](#)]. The bill also provides that the Labor Commissioner is not bound by any determination or finding of a public body relating to the applicability of the requirements for the payment of prevailing wages. Lastly, any determination made by the Labor Commissioner regarding the applicability of those requirements is a final order for the purposes of judicial review.

There are no amendments.

Chair Torres:

Committee members, do you have any questions? [There was none.] I will accept a motion to do pass Senate Bill 433 (1st Reprint).

ASSEMBLYMAN D'SILVA MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 433 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN DELONG, GURR, HIBBETTS, KOENIG, AND MCARTHUR VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Carter. This concludes our work session for today. At this time, we will open the hearing on Assembly Bill 514.

Assembly Bill 514: Revises provisions governing public buildings. (BDR S-1193)

Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill, Assembly District No. 40:

I am happy to be here today to present to you Assembly Bill 514. The bill proposes to rename the headquarters of the Department of Transportation—or as we often refer to, NDOT—the Garth Dull Building here in Carson City. With me today, in support of this, is Mr. Dull's wife, Cheryl Lau, who, may I add, was the first Asian-American Secretary of State here in Nevada; Mr. Dull's oldest daughter, Cheryl Price; her son, Cameron Price, the grandson to Mr. Dull; and Cameron's wife, Sierra, who is sitting up there in the corner waving at you all in support. Before I go on, I would like to let them make a few quick statements about this bill and why it is important to them.

Cheryl Lau, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada:

Good morning. Assembly Bill 514 is an excellent bill because it demonstrates all the work that workers do and the contributions they make to the State of Nevada. Garth Dull worked at NDOT for more than 30 years, and as director, he led the department through many challenges, thus keeping NDOT well respected and regarded in the state as well as the nation. I hope you will favorably consider A.B. 514. [Testifier submitted [Exhibit H](#).]

Cheryl Price, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada:

This would be a huge honor to me and my family. I have never known anywhere in life where "NDOT" was not spoken on a daily basis. I speak for Cameron as well. This would be a huge honor, and of course we are in full support.

Assemblyman O'Neill:

What they said summarizes what I will give to you very quickly, but may I say Garth Dull was a true testament to state service and demonstrated how hard work can bring forward success. While he was born in Douglas, Wyoming, Nevada was truly his home for most of

his 81 years. Mr. Dull began working for NDOT in 1960 where he started off with painting the lines on the streets. In 1962, he was drafted into the United States Army where he spent three years in Germany. Upon his return, he resumed his career at NDOT where he became the first graduate of the engineer-in-training program in 1975. He continued his education and his promotions to Chief of Road Design, serving as Deputy Director, and due to his hard work and dedication to the department, Mr. Dull would eventually be promoted to Director, ending a decades-long climb to leadership positions at NDOT. He retired in 1995, capping off more than 30 years of service to Nevada and NDOT. Garth Dull was a great leader who served his state and his country with a sense of humor and a quick wit that endeared him to all his coworkers and family.

He traveled extensively with his wife of almost 34 years, Cheryl. He was a devoted father to two daughters, Cheryl and Sydney; five grandchildren, Mackenzie, Cameron, Kyle, Colin, and Landon; and one great-grandchild, Declan. Unfortunately, Mr. Dull passed away April 18, 2021, but he remains an inspiration to all of us and particularly to state employees as an example of what you can do if you commit. Renaming the building that houses NDOT is the perfect way to memorialize his service and show appreciation to our state employees for the work they do. State workers, as we all know, are the very backbone of everything we do in public service. They are the ones who get the job done, and Garth Dull was one of the best. He started from humble beginnings and worked hard, earning the respect of his colleagues and rising to the top of his department. With that, Chair Torres, I will go through the bill itself, but that pretty much states the bill.

There are letters of support on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System from various individuals including Senator Richard Bryan who also has a building named after him.

[[Exhibit I](#), [Exhibit J](#), [Exhibit K](#), [Exhibit L](#), and [Exhibit M](#) were submitted in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#) but not discussed and will become part of the record.].

Naming a building after a state employee is not unique. In Las Vegas, several buildings are named after various individuals, including the parole and probation building known as the Campos building. This is not a unique activity that we are requesting today. Chair Torres, unless you want me to go line-by-line through the bill—I have said most of what we are doing here.

Chair Torres:

Thank you, Assemblyman O'Neill. I do not think it is necessary that we have a line-by-line review, but I do know that there may be a couple of questions.

Assemblywoman Taylor:

Congratulations on getting here and on the accomplishments of your dad and grandfather. I have one question. Is the building named currently?

Assemblyman O'Neill:

No, it is like most state buildings that are not dedicated. They have a number; I forget the number of this building.

Chair Torres:

Are there any additional questions? [There were none.] I personally want to thank the Dull family for the contributions of your father towards making this state great. We appreciate it and thank you for your presentation.

We will go ahead and move on to support for A.B. 514. I invite anyone wishing to testify in support of A.B. 514 here in Carson City. [There was no one.] Is there anyone in Las Vegas wishing to testify in support of A.B. 514? [There was no one.] Is there anyone on the phone line wishing to testify in support of A.B. 514? [There was no one.]

We will go ahead and move to opposition. Is there anyone wishing to testify in opposition to A.B. 514? [There was no one.] Is there anyone in Las Vegas wishing to testify in opposition to A.B. 514? [There was no one.] Is there anyone on the phone line wishing to testify in opposition to A.B. 514? [There was no one.]

Is there anyone in Carson City wishing to testify neutral to Assembly Bill 514? [There was no one.] Is there anyone in Las Vegas wishing to testify neutral to A.B. 514? [There was no one.] Is there anyone on the phone lines wishing to testify neutral to A.B. 514? [There was no one.] I will invite the bill sponsor for any closing remarks.

Assemblyman O'Neill:

Thank you.

Chair Torres:

We can go ahead and close the hearing on A.B. 514. This bill is very straightforward. Members had the opportunity to have a good conversation about it and with permission from the Speaker of the Assembly, we can suspend the 24-hour rule, so we are going to go ahead and move this piece of legislation today. We do not need to make a motion because we have permission from Speaker Yeager. We are going to go ahead and work session A.B. 514. I will defer to our policy analyst.

Assembly Bill 514: Revises provisions governing public buildings. (BDR S-1193)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

You have heard the presentation on A.B. 514 which is proposing to rename the headquarters of the Nevada Department of Transportation to the Garth Dull Building. You heard that Garth Dull was an exemplary state employee who had over 30 years of work experience within the Department of Transportation.

Chair Torres:

Are there any questions at this time? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to do pass Assembly Bill 514.

ASSEMBLYMAN DELONG MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 514.

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any further discussion?

Assemblyman DeLong:

We are naming the building, not renaming it, correct?

Chair Torres:

Yes. Thank you for the clarification. We are naming the building. At this time, we will go ahead and take the vote.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman O'Neill. At this time, we will move on to the next item on our agenda which is public comment. Is there anyone here in Carson City wishing to testify in public comment? [There was no one.] Is there anyone in Las Vegas? [There was no one.] Is there anyone on the phone line wishing to testify in public comment? [There was no one.]

[Committee reminders were given.] At this time, the Committee is adjourned [at 10:26 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Abbott
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Selena Torres, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 19](#), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 81 \(1st Reprint\)](#), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 247](#), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit F](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 323](#), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit G](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 433 \(1st Reprint\)](#), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit H](#) is a letter dated January 10, 2023, submitted by Cheryl Lau, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada, in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#).

[Exhibit I](#) is a letter dated November 22, 2021, submitted by Richard H. Bryan, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada, in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#).

[Exhibit J](#) is a letter dated November 15, 2021, submitted by Michael W. Lawson, Private Citizen, Washoe Valley, Nevada, in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#).

[Exhibit K](#) is a letter dated November 15, 2021, submitted by Jim Dodson, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada, in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#).

[Exhibit L](#) is a letter dated November 17, 2021, submitted by Michael W. McFall, Private Citizen, Henderson City, Nevada, in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#).

[Exhibit M](#) is a letter dated November 20, 2021, submitted by Ronald W. Hill, Private Citizen, in support of [Assembly Bill 514](#).