

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

**Eighty-Second Session
June 4, 2023**

The Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair Selena Torres at 2:48 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2023, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, 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:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst
Sarah Delap, Committee Counsel
Judi Bishop, Committee Manager
Diane Abbott, Committee Secretary
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant

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OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Torres:

[Roll was taken. Committee rules were explained.] We will go ahead and start today with Senate Bill 225 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 225 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions governing peace officers.
(BDR 23-651)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Reading from Work Session Document, [Exhibit C](#).] Senate Bill 225 (2nd Reprint) requires an application for certification as a peace officer to include an affidavit stating that the applicant:

1. Is not disqualified from serving as a peace officer;
2. Has not been discharged, disciplined, or asked to resign from employment with a law enforcement agency for certain conduct; and
3. Has not resigned or otherwise separated from employment with the law enforcement agency while an investigation concerning certain alleged conduct was pending.

In addition to other provisions, the bill also requires the law enforcement agency to immediately notify Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (POST) if a peace officer is charged with certain crimes or separates from employment while an investigation concerning alleged misconduct is pending. Further, POST must search the National Decertification Index, or an equivalent database, to ensure that the name of an applicant does not appear in any such index or database and must report to the Index the name of each decertified peace officer in this state.

Finally, Senate Bill 225 (2nd Reprint) provides that a person is not qualified to serve as a peace officer if the person has been convicted of domestic violence, reported to the Decertification Index, or decertified by POST or a similar licensing authority in another state.

There is one proposed friendly amendment to add Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong as a cosponsor. She copresented the bill with Senator Harris.

Chair Torres:

Committee members, do you have any questions? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to amend and do pass Senate Bill 225 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND
DO PASS SENATE BILL 225 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Taylor. I am sorry, Assemblyman McArthur, did you want the floor statement? Assemblywoman Taylor yields the floor statement to Assemblyman McArthur. I heard that Assemblyman McArthur wants all the floor statements even for the bills he opposes, so we can do that today. Next, we will consider Senate Bill 226 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 226 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions governing governmental financial administration. (BDR 28-494)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Reading from Work Session Document, Exhibit D.] Senate Bill 226 (2nd Reprint) makes a declaration of legislative intent that the payment of prevailing wages to workers on public works projects that are funded in whole or in part by public money is essential to the economic well-being of the State, and careful scrutiny of novel leasing and financing arrangements entered into and incentives offered by a public body is necessary to ensure workers are paid prevailing wages. Further, the bill makes prevailing wage requirements applicable to certain specific construction projects and requires, with certain exceptions, the payment of prevailing wages on any project, pursuant to certain agreements or partnerships between a developer and a public body, including lease purchase agreements among others. Finally, airport authorities, single-family residential housing, and certain affordable housing projects are exempt from the provisions of the bill.

The bill sponsor provided an amendment subsequent to the bill hearing which is attached.

Chair Torres:

Committee members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I want to make sure that I do thank our Legal team for making sure that we were able to get that amendment because I know that this was a significant amendment, and I know that the mock-up was very helpful for Committee members. I will accept a motion to amend and do pass on Senate Bill 226 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND
DO PASS SENATE BILL 226 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN D'SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Committee members, is there any discussion? [There was none.] We will take a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN MCARTHUR VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to none other than Assemblyman McArthur. We are going to take a one-minute recess [at 2:53 p.m.].

At this time, the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs will reconvene [at 2:54 p.m.]. We will next consider Senate Bill 246 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 246 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR S-1028)

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:

[Reading from Work Session Document, [Exhibit E](#).] Senate Bill 246 (2nd Reprint) revises the City Charters of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas to require each city to establish a workforce development program, in coordination with all applicable agencies that provide workforce development services, to reduce the rate of unemployment in all areas that have a high rate of poverty.

The bill also requires the Charter Committee of the City of North Las Vegas to report any abuse of power by the city council or the city manager to the Legislature or the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs, and prohibits the city council and city manager from interfering with the duties of the Charter Committee. Further, the bill prohibits the city council and city manager from threatening, coercing, or harassing—or conspiring to threaten, coerce, or harass—the city clerk to violate any provision of law. The bill requires the city manager to submit an annual report regarding special revenue funds to the Committee on Local Government Finance. There was an amendment that was included in the work session document, and a second amendment was handed out before the meeting started.

Chair Torres:

We will address some of the notes on this amendment for the sake of clarity and putting them on the record. In section 3.110, subsection 3 [page 2, [Exhibit E](#)], it requires that every public utility include the notifications quarterly instead of in each utility bill. We are striking a significant amount of the language that was in section 3.2 only requiring that the governing body of the city and its staff should not interfere with the duties of the Charter Committee or commit any abuse of power with respect to the Charter Committee. We are removing section 3.4, subsections 3 and 4. We are adding language outlining that the Charter Committee will meet a minimum of four times during the interim, and adding language to section 3.2 that will mandate required training for all members of the Charter Committee which should include, but is not limited to, the responsibilities of the Charter Committee, Nevada Open Meeting Law, and how to file a report with the Commission on Ethics.

At this time, the amendment will be introduced by process wise. This is the exact amendment that will be introduced as a personal amendment from myself. At this time, I will accept a motion to refer without recommendation. Do I have a motion?

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ MADE A MOTION TO REFER WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION SENATE BILL 226 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.] Let us take a vote.

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

I will assign the floor statement to myself. At this time, we are done with our work session. I do not anticipate any additional pieces of legislation to come before this Committee. I know that we have probably about 30 hours left until *sine die*, which we are very excited about, but before we adjourn, I am going to go ahead and allow members to give remarks, and then I have some closing remarks.

Assemblyman DeLong:

Since this is likely our last meeting, I wanted to compliment you on how you have run the Committee. I have found the way you have done it to be highly fair, very balanced, and have allowed everyone to voice their opinion, and I respect what you have done. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

Assemblyman Gurr:

I agree. Ditto. You allowed me to horse around a lot.

Assemblywoman Taylor:

I want to say to the Committee, it has been a joy. This has been, for a lot of us, our first year, but also most of the time, this is the way that we start each day here, and it has been great to work together to disagree, and to have some good conversations, and the way we have been able to do that with collegiality and with respect. I appreciate that. I really do. To you, Chair Torres, thank you for keeping us moving, keeping us going, keeping it light, but at the same time allowing us to do our business. I appreciate your leadership and look forward to next session.

Assemblyman D'Silva:

I wanted to thank you, Chair Torres, for your leadership. I have known Chair Torres since she was a teenager. It is great to see her grow into this role and into this real stature of one of our great leaders in the state. I want to give you a personal shout-out on that, and I am very proud of you, Assemblywoman Torres. To the rest of my colleagues here, it has been a great joy waking up every morning, coming right over here, and getting government affairs handled. I also want to give a shout-out to my attaché, Breon King, who has really been the reason why my office did considerably well, and we were able to move legislation. It is not all done yet, but I want to give my attaché, Mr. King, a shout-out. He is also my fraternity brother, so I will say "Blue Phi."

Assemblyman Carter:

Mine is simple. I am just going to say ditto to the lengthy remarks that I am sure Assemblyman McArthur is finally going to present.

Assemblyman Hibbetts:

I, too, would like to thank Assemblyman D'Silva's attaché for getting Assemblyman D'Silva to Committee because he could not find it otherwise. I would also like to ditto my colleagues' comments on your leadership and handling of this Committee during this time, and I am sure I will see you all again tomorrow, bright and early, because I am sure we are not going to be done yet. We are going to have another Committee meeting.

Chair Torres:

There is always the possibility of *sine die* coming early for us, but that does not mean it is going to happen. I have to say it has been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Government Affairs Committee. I know I would not be able to Chair this Committee without our staff, some of whom are in the room today. Some are probably watching in my office. First, I want to make sure that I extend my gratitude to our policy analyst, Ms. Jennifer Ruedy, who has been impeccable to work with. She is the definition of a professional. She knows exactly what we need to be doing and when. She has made sure this Committee runs smoothly, we have our work session documents on time, we are ready to go, and I have the information I need to feel confident for us to be moving legislation forward.

Our main legal counsel, Asher Killian, is not with us today because he is celebrating his newborn baby. His daughter was born yesterday at 10:30 in the morning, and she is a beautiful baby. She is healthy, and she was right on time. She was due yesterday and she came yesterday, which I have never heard of happening. Thank you, Asher, for joining us and being a part of our team and making sure that we get those amendments. Then, we have Ms. Sarah Delap who has also been legal counsel on our team. She has attended our meetings, has done a lot of the amendment work for this Committee, and helped prepare those work session documents. She has definitely stepped up to the plate this weekend too, and we are so lucky to have her be a part of our Government Affairs team. This is the first committee you have sat on if I remember correctly. Hopefully you enjoyed sitting on the hardest-working committee in the Nevada State Legislature.

We have our secretaries. Diane Abbott is here now, but I also have Geigy Stringer, Dylan Small, and Lindsey Howell. They are in the office, and I have the most phenomenal committee secretaries. We definitely have a good time in our office all of the time, and I am fortunate to have such a hard-working team in the back. I have enjoyed working and getting to know each and every single one of you.

Obviously, Ms. Cheryl Williams, who has been our committee assistant, is quite the personality. Cheryl needs a round of applause to make sure that we have the most important thing when we arrive to Committee and that is coffee, and she chases everybody down for their business card very well. She is stern, so I can tell she was a good mom. Thank you, Cheryl. We have had a great session.

I am going to ask Ms. Judi Bishop to stand. Everybody, give a round of applause for Ms. Judi. She is our committee mom; she has taken care of our office; she has taken care of our members; and she is just a phenomenal individual to work with and very artistic. Make sure you check out her artwork in my office and in the hall upstairs, if you have not already. It has been such a pleasure to work with Judi who makes sure we have everything you need. Sometimes she will be that reminder such as, Are you supposed to be here? and I am, Oh no, I am supposed to be there. Or, Do not forget your jacket; otherwise I would forget it a lot more. She is also a seamstress. One day, there was a dress issue and Ms. Judi saved the day. I am so fortunate to work with you.

Obviously, my attaché Henry Rosas is running the ship. He makes sure that this Committee works, that my schedule works, that we get all these meetings in, and that we pass some phenomenal policy. Thank you to our team for making it happen. Thank you for letting us work together. At this time, the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs is in recess [at 3:04 p.m.].

[The meeting was adjourned on the Assembly floor at 11:15 p.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 225 (2nd Reprint), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 226 (2nd Reprint), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 246 (2nd Reprint), presented by Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.