

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

**Eighty-Second Session
May 16, 2023**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in Room 3137 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 Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama
Assemblyman Cameron (C.H.) Miller
Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
Assemblyman Howard Watts
Assemblyman Steve Yeager

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblywoman Shea Backus, Vice Chair (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Assembly Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Cynthia Ihejirika, Committee Secretary
Janet Osalvo, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nathan Allen, Executive Director, Waterstart
Anthony Ruiz, representing Waterstart
Christi Cabrera-Georgeson, Deputy Director, Nevada Conservation League
Jake Matthews, representing Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada
Jaina Moan, External Affairs Director, The Nature Conservancy
James M. Humm, Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Governor
Annette Magnus, Executive Director, Battle Born Progress
Sheila Bray, Community Partnerships Coordinator for Clark County, Extension, University of Nevada, Reno
Patricia Haddad, Director, Government Relations, Clark County School District
Zoe Houghton, representing Nevada Outdoor Business Coalition
Jacinto Alfaro Martinez, Organizer, Somos Votantes, Las Vegas, Nevada
Odilia Martinez, Volunteer, Somos Votantes, Las Vegas, Nevada
Jiromi Pena Martinez, Volunteer, Somos Votantes; President, Hispanic Student Union, Rancho High School, Las Vegas, Nevada
Dora Martinez, Nevada Disability Peer Action Coalition
Jermareon Williams, Manager, Government Affairs, Western Resource Advocates
Sean Sever, Deputy Administrator, Research and Project Management Division, Department of Motor Vehicles
William Ledford, Director of Advocacy, Lutheran Engagement and Advocacy in Nevada

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were explained.] In today's meeting, we are going to begin with Committee bill draft request (BDR) introductions.

BDR 18-1215—Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Indian Commission. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 516](#).)

BDR 34-1216—Provides for the award of tuition assistance and stipends under the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 515](#).)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 18-1215 revises provisions relating to the Nevada Indian Commission, and BDR 34-1216, provides for the award of tuition assistance and stipends under the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Are there any questions on either of the BDRs? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to introduce BDR 18-1215 and BDR 34-1216.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER MADE A MOTION FOR COMMITTEE
INTRODUCTION OF BILL DRAFT REQUEST 18-1215 AND
BILL DRAFT REQUEST 34-1216.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN BACKUS, DICKMAN,
GORELOW, AND MILLER WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

We will now move on to Assembly Bill 261 (1st Reprint).

Assembly Bill 261 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 18-470)

Nathan Allen, Executive Director, Waterstart:

This evening we would like to present Assembly Bill 261 (1st Reprint) and a conceptual amendment, which I believe you have in front of you [[Exhibit C](#)]. Anthony Ruiz will walk you through the amendment.

Anthony Ruiz, representing Waterstart:

As was mentioned, we do have a conceptual amendment. The conceptual amendment is straightforward. It deletes section 3 of the bill, which is the study, and then it also limits the mention of the Regional Development Authorities (RDAs) to those RDAs only located in a population over 100,000. That would encompass EDAWN [Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada] and LVGEA [Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance]. After additional discussions with the state, it is noted that they are prepared to put on the record that since they are already doing that activity, there should be no fiscal note on this bill, with this conceptual amendment.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

We have a fiscal note from the Office of Energy, and I was not sure if that fiscal note would need to be applied since it had changed from one to the other. Will you be able to do the study without the appropriation, or will there not be a study at all?

Anthony Ruiz:

The Office of Energy was a typo, and was not originally supposed to be in the bill. The first amendment takes care of that and adds GOED [Governor's Office of Economic Development]. However, with this conceptual amendment, we are removing the study altogether, so it will not be done as a part of this bill.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Members, are there any questions for the presenters? [There were none.] I will open the hearing for testimony. Is there anyone who wishes to speak in support of A.B. 261 (R1)?

Christi Cabrera-Georgeson, Deputy Director, Nevada Conservation League:

We are here in support of A.B. 261 (R1). Our water resources are precious, and we must conserve them.

Jake Matthews, representing Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada:

We are in support of this bill.

Jaina Moan, External Affairs Director, The Nature Conservancy:

We are testifying in support of A.B. 261 (R1) that will require the state plan for economic development and Regional Development Authority plans to include water conservation strategies that can maximize the efficient use of the state's water resources through economic development programs.

The Nature Conservancy's mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends, and in Nevada, much of our work is driven by limited water resources that are critical for both people and nature. Foresight, and full coordination of economic development within the limited means of our water resources, is important for healthy communities, ecosystems, and future generations of Nevadans. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on A.B. 261 (R1). We urge your support.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Is there anyone else who would like to testify in support of A.B. 261 (R1)? [There was no one.] Is there anyone who would like to testify in opposition to A.B. 261 (R1)? [There was no one.] Is there anyone who would like to testify in neutral on A.B. 261 (R1)?

James M. Humm, Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Governor:

Thank you for hearing this bill today. I appreciate the willingness of the bill sponsor to work with us on this amendment with the removal of the study in section 3 and the adjustment of the language in section 2. If amended, we are comfortable removing the fiscal note. When the state plan is revised and updated in the near future, water usage will be included in the scope moving forward, so future costs will be rolled in, thus we are comfortable removing the fiscal note.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Is there anyone else who would like to testify in neutral on A.B. 261 (R1)? [There was no one.] We will now open the hearing on Assembly Bill 128.

Assembly Bill 128: Makes an appropriation to the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program Account for the costs of the program. (BDR S-778)

Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Assembly District No. 41:

I know it is late, so I will keep my remarks brief, but this is the first hearing for Assembly Bill 128, so I do want to touch on policy. First, I want to thank Speaker Yeager for Assembly Bill 331 of the 80th Session that passed during the 2019 Legislative Session. It was this bill that created the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program to give our underserved Nevada students the opportunity to experience Nevada's great outdoors while promoting education and health. This bill was meant to help those students who were having the hardest time academically. We all know that being outdoors can restore mental health, and increase focus and attention. I take every opportunity I can to be outdoors, especially during times of high stress. I also know many of my colleagues on this Committee know how beneficial spending time outdoors can be in helping us succeed in other areas of our life. Since its passing in 2019, the program has only been funded with the money raised by the sponsor during a fundraising event. Assembly Bill 128 is asking for \$500,000 in each fiscal year, to help seed the program so that it can accomplish the task as the sponsor envisioned, to improve academic achievement and create an appreciation of nature for underserved Nevada students.

Christi Cabrera-Georgeson, Deputy Director, Nevada Conservation League:

We are here in support of A.B. 128 [[Exhibit D](#)]. Although Nevada is rich in natural resources and public land, not everyone has equal access. Low-income communities and communities of color often face significant barriers to accessing public lands, open spaces, and parks. As you heard, the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program was created in 2019 under the Division of Outdoor Recreation, but has never received state funding, hindering its implementation and success. This bill will make a \$1 million appropriation to the program over the biennium. Public agencies, schools, nonprofit organizations, and other community-based entities would then apply for microgrants up to \$5,000 or Tier 2 grants from \$5,000 to \$50,000. According to the Division of Outdoor Recreation, the level of funding proposed in this bill would be able to fund approximately 26 grantees and over 4,800 youth each year. Being outdoors helps children be creative, curious, and create great memories that will last a lifetime.

Additionally, providing students with outdoor experiences provide significant health and cognitive benefits. Studies find that students who spend more time outdoors had improved physical health, better problem-solving skills, increased academic performance, reduced stress, and enhanced social skills. This includes performing better on standardized tests, demonstrating more enthusiasm for school, and having fewer attendance problems. This is especially true for children from low-income backgrounds. However, these children encounter multiple barriers to the outdoors such as general access and proximity to outdoor

spaces, comfort and safety in these spaces, and general financial limitations. This grant program seeks to expose all Nevada students to quality outdoor experiences regardless of background or social barriers.

On a personal note, I grew up in Reno, and I was incredibly fortunate to be able to go on field trips that included getting outdoors and learning about nature, despite going to Title I schools. To this day, I have vivid memories of experiencing the Oxbow Nature Study Area on the Truckee River, or the Galena Creek Regional Park for the very first time. Every child should be able to have those experiences that they can cherish for the rest of their lives. Those experiences cemented my love of nature in the great outdoors and all the opportunities Nevada has to offer, and landed me a career advocating for our environment.

I urge you all to think about the first time you saw the glistening waters of Lake Tahoe, the stunning shades of red in the Valley of Fire, or the majestic peaks of the Ruby Mountains. These memories have brought an irreplaceable joy to me and so many other Nevadans. Having instilled a reason for us to care about the natural areas around us, our students deserve the same opportunities. We strongly urge Committee support.

Assemblywoman Jauregui:

That concludes our presentation.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Thank you to those educators who got you out into nature that formed who you are and the career you currently have. Members, are there any questions for our presenters? [There were none.] We will now go to testimony in support of A.B. 128. Is there anyone who wishes to speak in support of A.B. 128?

Jaina Moan, External Affairs Director, The Nature Conservancy:

We support A.B. 128 which will make a \$1 million appropriation for the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program. The Nature Conservancy supports policies that connect people to nature. Providing the means for all people to access and appreciate our natural places not only improves quality of life, but it also instills lifelong appreciation for nature and wildlife. At the same time, recreational opportunities need to be carefully managed to minimize adverse impacts that these activities can have on the environment. Grants to support education and recreation amenities will help ensure that people who enjoy our beautiful outdoor places are informed about how to recreate responsibly, and minimize the impact to the lands, waters, and natural resources while they are doing so. We urge your support for A.B. 128.

Annette Magnus, Executive Director, Battle Born Progress:

We are here tonight in support of A.B. 128—one of our priority bills for this session. Nevada provides abundant opportunities for residents and visitors to find a connection to outdoor spaces through recreation. However, a lack of financial and economic resources often excludes underserved youth and their families from fully experiencing the array of land, water, and wildlife activities in our state. With this appropriation, we would be

investing in getting Nevadans to connect with our natural resources and investing in our outdoor economy. This is exactly the kind of investment we should be making, and I cannot think of a better way to spend our state's resources. As a young person in Las Vegas, I was able to go outside often, and now, like Christi, I am a proud advocate for our public lands. This is about investing in our future. Please support [A.B. 128](#).

Sheila Bray, Community Partnerships Coordinator for Clark County, Extension, University of Nevada, Reno:

We are in strong support of [A.B. 128](#). I would be remiss if I did not share that one of the programs that UNR Extension has is 4-H Youth Development. We have two recreation outdoor camps: one in Alamo, Nevada and one in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Hence, we can speak directly to those positive youth experiences that come with outdoor recreation education. We would appreciate your support.

Patricia Haddad, Director, Government Relations, Clark County School District:

I am here to share our support for this bill. There is an unquestioning positive impact—students being able to get out into nature and experience our beautiful state and everything that it has to offer outside. We appreciate the bill sponsor for bringing this forward and are in support.

Zoe Houghton, representing Nevada Outdoor Business Coalition:

I am here in support of [A.B. 128](#). The Nevada Outdoor Business Coalition is the business voice of the outdoor industry in Nevada with the goal of promoting and supporting policies that contribute to building a more robust outdoor industry, and [A.B. 128](#) does just that. We submitted a letter of support, which I encourage everyone to look at [[Exhibit E](#)]. It includes the likes of businesses like Patagonia, REI Co-Op, and local organizations like Nevada Outdoor School and Sierra Nevada Journeys, all signing on to our support letter and hoping that the Committee also supports [A.B. 128](#).

Jacinto Alfaro Martinez, Organizer, Somos Votantes, Las Vegas, Nevada:

I am here with my mom, Odilia Martinez, and I will be translating her testimony from Spanish to English. I will submit my own testimony in writing [[Exhibit F](#)].

Odilia Martinez, Volunteer, Somos Votantes, Las Vegas, Nevada:

[Testimony translated by Jacinto Alfaro Martinez.]

I am a community member and volunteer of Somos Votantes. Today I am testifying in my personal capacity in support of [A.B. 128](#) [[Exhibit G](#)]. I am a mother, and as a parent, I am always encouraging my kids to spend more time outside. Playing outdoors is good for kids. Spending time outside can encourage kids to be healthier and more curious about their surroundings. As an immigrant mother of two, raising my kids in Las Vegas, I am always telling my children to spend more time outside in the fresh air. Playing outside is good for children. Spending time outside or in the fresh air helps children to be healthier, and their curiosity about their surroundings continues to grow. When my daughter was 14 years old, she hiked 15 miles in the mountains. It was very challenging for her, but she achieved her

goal. To this day, it is an extraordinary experience that we remember with pride. She showed us the way to explore and connect with the nature of Nevada for many benefits. Since life in the city is more stressful, having recreational areas helps to balance stress and mental health. Making sure that all children can spend time outside in a safe and engaging environment starts with ensuring that the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program has the funding it needs to provide kids with these much needed opportunities. I ask the Committee to please support A.B. 128.

Jiromi Pena Martinez, Volunteer, Somos Votantes, President; Hispanic Student Union, Rancho High School, Las Vegas, Nevada:

I am a volunteer with Somos Votantes and president of the Hispanic Student Union at Rancho High School in Las Vegas. I am here to speak in support of A.B. 128 [[Exhibit H](#)]. I come from a hard-working family where most days I do not get to see my parents. They leave for work well before I wake up and come home well after I go to bed. I love and admire them very much, and I know how hard they work and how much effort they put into raising me and my siblings. On the weekends, I often hear my parents ask each other questions like, "What are we going to pay next? Should we pay rent, water, or the light bill? Do we have enough?" But one question I have never heard them ask is, "When are we going as a family to a national park or the mountains?" Even though I live in Las Vegas, I have never been to Lake Mead, Red Rock, Spring Mountain, or any of the other outdoor recreational areas I see on TV. These places feel like they are out of reach for me, and it is simply a luxury my family cannot afford. Funding the Outdoor Education and Recreation Program would allow young people like me the opportunity we need to visit these beautiful places, learn more about them and enjoy them so that we are able to come back to our daily lives feeling better, stronger, and more connected. So, I would just like to ask this Committee to please support A.B. 128. Thank you for the opportunity to address this Committee, and thank you to Assemblywoman Jauregui for sponsoring A.B. 128.

Dora Martinez, Nevada Disability Peer Action Coalition:

We just came in, me and Sarge, my service dog, from a very good walk in the park. We support this bill. I know I cannot see, but I heard a lot of birds, people playing frisbee, and the breeze was nice under the tree while my dog ate my food. Please support this bill.

Jermareon Williams, Manager, Government Affairs, Western Resource Advocates:

We would like to support A.B. 128 [[Exhibit I](#)]. Nevada provides its residents and visitors abundant opportunities to experience the beauty of its lands, waters, and wildlife. Access to nature should be a fundamental right for all children, regardless of their background or income levels. Right now, many children living in underserved communities do not have the same access to all that Nevada has to offer because of barriers like transportation costs, or necessary funding to improve parks and outdoor recreation in low-income areas. Assembly Bill 128 reduces such barriers and provides our youth the opportunity to experience Nevada's great outdoor spaces. We are thankful for Assemblywoman Jauregui's support of this bill and her commitment to a more equitable and inclusive outdoors.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Is there anyone who would like to provide testimony in opposition to A.B. 128? [There was no one.] Is there anyone who would like to provide testimony in neutral on A.B. 128? [There was no one.] We will close the hearing on A.B. 128.

[[Exhibit J](#) was submitted but not discussed and will become part of the record.]

[The Committee recessed at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.]

We will now open the hearing on Assembly Bill 135 (1st Reprint).

**Assembly Bill 135 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to homelessness.
(BDR 40-324)**

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Assembly District No. 24:

I had the pleasure of serving as Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which gave inception to this bill, Assembly Bill 135 (1st Reprint). We were looking at ways to ensure that people who are experiencing homelessness have broader access to important documents, such as birth certificates and, potentially, driver's licenses. This bill gets to both of those things.

To stick with the Committee's fiscal impact, the fiscal note comes from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and is specifically related to sections 3, 5, and 6. We received a suggestion from the DMV to align the implementation date of this bill with the DMV's modernization project, and that would decrease the fiscal note significantly.

I would also like to direct you to the amendment for Senate Bill 315 [[Exhibit K](#)]. We were presented this for a bill in the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, but it was not germane to that bill. However, staff was able to find that it was germane to this particular bill, A.B. 135 (R1). I apologize for not having updated this with the appropriate bill number. However, the point of this amendment would be to add the 988 phone number—our crisis hotline number—to student identification (ID) cards, so every student in the state of Nevada has access to that number on their ID. We had a bill in 2019 that added a crisis line to ID cards. This specifically calls out that the crisis line must be 988. I do not believe there will be a fiscal note on this one, but again, it is an amendment, so it could produce an extremely large fiscal note. We will find that out when, and if, this is adopted.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

There are two amendments. The amendment proposed by Assemblywoman González changes the effective date of the bill [[Exhibit L](#)]. I believe she received the language from the DMV. Can I invite the Department to the table to explain that amendment and let us know why there is not a specific date? The open date leaves me uneasy.

**Sean Sever, Deputy Administrator, Research and Project Management Division,
Department of Motor Vehicles:**

We are neutral on A.B. 135 (R1) and appreciate the bill sponsor working with us. Regarding the fiscal note, we cannot do much about the revenue loss, which is the smaller portion of the fiscal note. However, we can remove the larger computer programming costs if the bill implementation date is moved back two years, or when the DMV Director notifies the Governor and the Legislative Counsel Bureau that sufficient resources are in place to implement this bill. As you know, we are in between information technology (IT) systems with our transformation, and we are hoping to not have to add anything to our old IT system which creates risk and the additional work of double programming into our new and old systems. We are happy to provide an amendment with the suggested language on the implementation date.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

What is the anticipated date for the completion of your new system?

Sean Sever:

That is the million-dollar question, but it is 2025. That is why we are comfortable putting the language in without an exact date, but, when our transformation is in place, we will be able to simply implement it into our new system and not mess with the old system.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

I understand that you anticipate it will be done at the end of 2025. I would really like to have a date on the bill, so if we put "January 1, 2026," would that be something you could agree to?

Sean Sever:

Yes, I think that would work for us.

Assemblywoman Peters:

This is a very important access issue for folks, and the years that go by without folks having access to identification can significantly put them back in life. However, we have been waiting on the implementation of this new modernization system for a long time, and you know that we are closer than we have been in previous sessions. I would be comfortable with the specific provision of the DMV implementation extended to January 2026. But I would like to retain the rest of it with an implementation upon passage.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Regarding the second amendment, where exactly do you envision that being placed in the bill?

Assemblywoman Peters:

It would be a new provision added to the bill. However, I did check with our Legal staff, and they said it would be germane to this bill. I would direct the Committee to section 3, subsection 2, paragraph (e) of the bill where we talk about collaborating with the DMV to

facilitate assistance to persons in crisis who wish to apply for an identification card. We are trying to connect those in crisis who are dealing with identification cards, including student ID cards—as a form of access to state IDs—to resources in this bill. That piece of adding 988 to student ID cards is considered to remain.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

I know you do not have a fiscal note yet, but have we had communications with school districts?

Assemblywoman Peters:

That is a great question. I received this amendment on Monday, so I have not had the opportunity to vet this with our school districts. However, I was part of conversations in the 2019 Session when we passed the implementation of the Crisis Center line being on the student ID cards [Senate Bill 80 of the 80th Session]. My understanding is that if the number is on the front of the card, it did not add much, if any, fiscal impact.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Are there any other questions for the presenter?

Assemblywoman Anderson:

With the amendment that is being brought forward that has to do with school information, is the intent to be able to have this on student IDs for next year? I also noticed that it is only for school districts. Is the intent to have this for schools under the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), or is that a larger discussion that needs to take place at a different time?

Assemblywoman Peters:

Thank you for the question. I will have to look into the response to that question. I cannot tell you if this is specifically related to school districts or if it would apply to all schools, based on the language that I am looking at in front of me. I will follow up with you on that one.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Members, are there any other questions?

Assemblyman O'Neill:

In reading this, I wonder if you are talking about the NSHE college and university student IDs having 988 on them?

Assemblywoman Peters:

That is a great question. We were thinking specifically about our school districts when we were considering this, but you are correct—we are talking about youth under 25 years of age.

Assemblyman O'Neill:

The way I read it, is that it is just for K-12 and charter schools.

Assemblywoman Peters:

I think we will need to look at the intent from the Interim Committee. I believe we would prefer to encompass NSHE ID cards as well. I need to have that conversation with them. Assemblywoman González had been leading this bill for the Interim Committee, but I have worked with her on the amendments in front of you today. I will follow up with her, and have her follow up with the Committee on those two questions, or respond myself, when I get those answers.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

I appreciate that. I see no other questions. Is there anyone who would like to testify in support of A.B. 135 (R1)?

Annette Magnus, Executive Director, Battle Born Progress:

We are here in support of A.B. 135 (R1) and think it is a wise use of the state's resources to have the Nevada Housing Crisis Response System collaborate with the DMV to help those who are experiencing homelessness with their ID requests, while also waiving fees for folks younger than 25. We urge this body to continue to explore creative measures, such as this bill, in order to provide folks with the opportunity to get back on their feet, seek out new jobs, housing and assistance programs, and we have no time to waste on this because of our antiquated systems. Please support A.B. 135 (R1).

Dora Martinez, Nevada Disability Peer Action Coalition:

There is nowhere I would rather be than sitting here and supporting this bill. I ditto what Annette Magnus said.

William Ledford, Director of Advocacy, Lutheran Engagement and Advocacy in Nevada:

Based on multiple social statements including criminal justice and economic life, we support this bill. Anything that can help homeless people—and people needing the criminal justice system—to get access to these important documents so they can get jobs and get off the streets, is important to our society as a whole and for human dignity—for people who often are robbed of that. We urge your support of this bill.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Do we have anyone who would like to testify in opposition to A.B. 135 (R1)? [There was no one.] Do we have anyone who would like to provide testimony in neutral on this bill?

Patricia Haddad, Director, Government Relations, Clark County School District:

I walked into the room in support, but I am now neutral based on the amendment that has been shared. I will go back to my team and look at the fiscal impact, but it depends on what the implementation looks like and whether or not it is for new student ID cards or retroactively going back and having to reprint. We really appreciated the bill sponsors for taking on an initial amendment that removes any fiscal impact by not having to reprint student ID cards with information specific to the privacy of the students. We are pleased and grateful to the sponsors for working on that amendment, and we will continue conversation

with them to ensure that this can be rolled out in a way that makes sense and that does not have a financial impact to school districts. As mentioned, Senate Bill 249 of the 81st Session, now codified in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 388.1335, requires inclusion of mental health hotline information on student ID cards. This may be in addition to that.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Is there anyone else who would like to testify in neutral? [There was no one.]

We will now move to public comment. Is there anyone who would like to provide public comment? [There was no one.]

This meeting is adjourned [at 7:46 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cynthia Ihejirika
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is a conceptual amendment for Assembly Bill 261 (1st Reprint), submitted by Nathan Allen, Executive Director, Waterstart.

[Exhibit D](#) is a letter dated May 16, 2023, submitted by Christi Cabrera-Georgeson, Deputy Director, Nevada Conservation League, in support of Assembly Bill 128.

[Exhibit E](#) is a letter dated May 16, 2023, submitted by the Outdoor Industry Association and the Nevada Outdoor Business Coalition, in support of Assembly Bill 128.

[Exhibit F](#) is a letter submitted by Jacinto Alfaro Martinez, Organizer, Somos Votantes, Las Vegas, Nevada, in support of Assembly Bill 128.

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[Exhibit K](#) is a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 315, submitted by Assemblywoman Cecelia González, Assembly District No. 16.

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