ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 413–COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY)

MARCH 25, 2021

Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

SUMMARY—Requires the Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim. (BDR S-458)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to transportation; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim; prescribing the duties of the Advisory Working Group; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim. This bill also: (1) prescribes the membership and duties of the Advisory Working Group; (2) provides for the compensation of the legislative members of the Advisory Working Group and the travel expenses and per diem allowance for all members of the Advisory Working Group; and (3) requires the Department of Transportation to submit a written report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Working Group for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Legislature.





THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

The Department of Transportation 1 **Section 1.** 1. shall establish an Advisory Working Group to Study Certain Issues 2 3 Related to Transportation during the 2021-2022 interim. Except for 4 the members who are Legislators, the Department of Transportation shall appoint the members of the Advisory Working Group, which 5 6 consists of: 7 (a) Representatives of agencies from metropolitan planning 8 organizations; 9 (b) Representatives of environmental agencies and 10 organizations: 11 (c) Representatives of clean energy; 12 (d) Experts in taxation policy; 13 (e) Representatives of local, county, tribal, state and federal 14 agencies with expertise in transportation and clean energy; 15 (f) The Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Standing 16 Committees on Growth and Infrastructure during the 80th 17 Legislative Session; 18 (g) Representatives of labor organizations; and 19 (h) Other interested persons and entities. 20 2. The Advisory Working Group shall study during the 2021-21 2022 interim: 22 (a) The needs of all users of different modes of transportation, 23 including bicyclists, pedestrians, drivers of motor vehicles and 24 public transit users; 25 (b) Social and user transportation equity; (c) The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; 26 (d) The sustainability of the State Highway Fund including, 27 without limitation, an analysis of the Natural Resources Defense 28 29 Council funding model presented to the Legislative Committee on 30 Energy on August 24, 2020, and Utah's Road Usage Charge 31 Program; and 32 (e) The role of land use and smart growth strategies in reducing 33 transportation emissions and improving system efficiency and 34 equity. 35 3. In addition to the duties set forth in subsection 2, the Advisory Working Group shall collect and monitor data related to 36 37 and develop preliminary plans for sustainable transportation funding 38 in this State. 39 4. The Advisory Working Group shall, at its first meeting, elect 40 a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members. 41 5. A majority of the members of the Advisory Working Group 42 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority





of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any
 official action taken by the Advisory Working Group.

3 6. The Department of Transportation shall provide the 4 Advisory Working Group with such administrative support as is 5 necessary to assist the Advisory Working Group in carrying out its 6 duties pursuant to this section.

7 7. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of 8 the Advisory Working Group who is a Legislator attends a meeting 9 of the Advisory Working Group or is otherwise engaged in the 10 business of the Advisory Working Group, the Legislator is entitled 11 to receive the:

12 (a) Salary provided for a majority of the members of the 13 Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

14 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and 15 employees generally; and

16 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must
 be paid from the Legislative Fund.

19 8. The members of the Advisory Working Group who are not 20 Legislators serve without salary but are entitled to receive the per 21 diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and 22 employees generally.

23 A member of the Advisory Working Group who is an officer 9. 24 or employee of this State or a political subdivision thereof must be 25 relieved from his or her duties without loss of his or her regular 26 compensation so that the member may prepare for and attend meetings of the Advisory Working Group and perform any work 27 28 necessary to carry out the duties of the Advisory Working Group in 29 the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political 30 subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee 31 who is a member of Advisory Working Group to:

(a) Make up the time the member is absent from work to carry
 out his or her duties as a member of the Advisory Working Group;
 or

(b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

10. The Department of Transportation shall, on or before
December 31, 2022, prepare and submit a written report describing
the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the
Advisory Working Group to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
Bureau for transmittal to the 82nd Session of the Legislature.

41 Sec. 2. 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and 42 approval.

43 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective:

(a) Upon passage and approval for the purpose of appointingmembers to the Advisory Working Group created by section 1 of



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- this act and performing any other preparatory administrative tasksthat are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and(b) On July 1, 2021, for all other purposes.



