

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 14—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Creates the Business Licensing Working Group.
(BDR S-405)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to business; creating the Business Licensing Working Group to study certain issues relating to business licensing during the 2023-2024 interim; prescribing the membership and duties of the Working Group; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to establish the state
2 business portal to facilitate interaction among businesses and governmental agencies
3 in this State by allowing businesses to conduct necessary transactions with
4 governmental agencies in this State through the state business portal. (NRS 75A.100)
5 **Section 5** of this bill creates the Business Licensing Working Group to study certain
6 issues relating to business licensing during the 2023-2024 interim. **Section 6** of this
7 bill requires the Secretary of State to serve as Chair of the Working Group and
8 prescribes certain requirements for the operation of the Working Group. **Section 7**
9 of this bill requires the Working Group to: (1) study and make recommendations to the
10 Secretary of State on the efficacy of consolidating an electronic application process
11 for a license, certificate, registration, permit or similar type of authorization required
12 to conduct a business in this State; (2) evaluate current systems for sharing
13 information between local business licensing entities and the Office of the Secretary
14 of State; and (3) evaluate the availability of certain information technology systems.
15 **Section 7** authorizes the Working Group to consider certain other matters. **Section 7**
16 requires the Working Group, on or before December 31, 2024, to submit a report to
17 the Legislature that addresses any issue reviewed or studied and any
18 recommendations made by the Working Group. **Section 8** of this bill requires the
19 Office of the Secretary of State to provide administrative support to the Working
20 Group and authorizes the Working Group to engage in certain other activities.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 4.** As used in sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act, unless
5 the context otherwise requires, "Working Group" means the
6 Business Licensing Working Group created by section 5 of this act.

7 **Sec. 5.** 1. The Business Licensing Working Group is hereby
8 created to study certain issues relating to business licensing during
9 the 2023-2024 interim.

10 2. The Working Group consists of the following members:

11 (a) The Secretary of State or his or her designee;

12 (b) The Lieutenant Governor or his or her designee;

13 (c) The following members appointed by the Nevada
14 Association of Counties or its successor organization:

15 (1) One representative of a county whose population is less
16 than 100,000;

17 (2) One representative of a county whose population is
18 100,000 or more but less than 700,000; and

19 (3) One representative of a county whose population is
20 700,000 or more;

21 (d) The following members appointed by the Nevada League of
22 Cities and Municipalities or its successor organization:

23 (1) One representative of a city whose population is less than
24 100,000;

25 (2) One representative of a city whose population is 100,000
26 or more but less than 500,000; and

27 (3) One representative of a city whose population is 500,000
28 or more;

29 (e) One representative from the Nevada Small Business
30 Development Center, appointed by the Secretary of State;

31 (f) One representative of a chamber of commerce in this State,
32 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

33 (g) One owner of a business in this State, appointed by the
34 Secretary of State; and

35 (h) One owner of a business in this State, appointed by the
36 Lieutenant Governor.

37 3. If a vacancy occurs during a member's term, the appointing
38 authority shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the
39 unexpired term. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the
40 original appointment.

41 4. The members of the Working Group serve without
42 compensation and are not entitled to receive the per diem allowance



1 and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees
2 generally.

3 5. A member of the Working Group who is an officer or
4 employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be
5 relieved from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation
6 to prepare for and attend meetings of the Working Group and
7 perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Working
8 Group. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not
9 require an officer or employee who is a member of the Working
10 Group to:

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

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

14 **Sec. 6.** 1. The Secretary of State or his or her designee shall
15 serve as Chair of the Working Group. The Lieutenant Governor or
16 his or her designee shall serve as the Vice Chair of the Working
17 Group.

18 2. The Working Group shall meet at the call of the Chair or a
19 majority of its members.

20 3. A majority of the members of the Working Group
21 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority
22 of a quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official
23 action taken by the Working Group.

24 **Sec. 7.** 1. The Working Group shall, during the 2023-2024
25 interim:

26 (a) Study and make recommendations to the Secretary of State
27 concerning the efficacy of consolidating, to the extent practicable,
28 an electronic application process that is capable of collecting and
29 disseminating information to a state or local agency or health district
30 for the processing of an application for a license, certificate,
31 registration, permit or similar type of authorization to conduct a
32 business in this State.

33 (b) Evaluate the current systems for sharing information
34 between local business licensing entities and the Office of the
35 Secretary of State.

36 (c) Evaluate the availability of information technology systems
37 capable of:

38 (1) Hosting a consolidated electronic business license
39 application process; and

40 (2) Sharing information between local business licensing
41 entities and the Office of the Secretary of State.

42 (d) Evaluate the ways to encourage cooperation between local
43 governments in the regulation of business.

44 2. The Working Group may consider, at its discretion, any
45 other matters submitted by a member.



1 3. The Working Group shall, on or before December 31, 2024,
2 submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
3 transmittal to the 84th Session of the Legislature a report concerning
4 the activities of the Working Group that addresses, without
5 limitation, any issue reviewed or studied and any recommendations
6 made by the Working Group pursuant to this section.

7 **Sec. 8.** 1. The Office of the Secretary of State shall provide
8 administrative support to the Working Group.

9 2. The Working Group may establish such subcommittees, task
10 forces and similar entities from within or outside of its membership
11 as necessary to address specific issues or otherwise to assist in its
12 work.

13 3. To the extent that money is available for the purpose, the
14 Working Group may enter into contracts with consultants to assist
15 the Working Group in the performance of its duties.

16 4. Within the limits of available resources, state agencies,
17 boards and commissions shall, upon the request of the Chair of the
18 Working Group, provide advice and technical assistance to the
19 Working Group.

20 **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

