

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Eighty-Second Session  
April 17, 2023**

The Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Lesley E. Cohen at 4:03 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, in Room 3143 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, and to Room 130, Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, 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.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023](http://www.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen, Chair  
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Venicia Considine  
Assemblyman Rich DeLong  
Assemblywoman Bea Duran  
Assemblyman Bert Gurr  
Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen  
Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch  
Assemblyman Howard Watts  
Assemblyman Toby Yurek

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod (excused)  
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May (excused)

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None



**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Becky Peratt, Committee Policy Analyst  
Erin Sturdivant, Committee Legal Counsel  
Connie Barlow, Committee Manager  
Nancy Davis, Committee Secretary  
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ashley Jeppson, Administrator, Division of Plant Health and Compliance, State  
Department of Agriculture

**Chair Cohen:**

[Roll was taken. Rules and protocol of the Committee were reviewed.] I will open the hearing on Senate Bill 13. Administrator Jeppson, please begin whenever you are ready.

**Senate Bill 13: Revises provisions governing pest control. (BDR 49-234)**

**Ashley Jeppson, Administrator, Division of Plant Health and Compliance, State  
Department of Agriculture:**

I appreciate the opportunity to present Senate Bill 13. I would like to give you some general background. What we are trying to do here is update some of the language to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Most of this is trying to update our language so we can stay in compliance with our Environmental Protection Agency cooperative agreement and be the one running oversight of pesticides in our state; otherwise, it would be overseen by the feds.

One thing we have received some questions on is the updated definition of pest control. We did add some language with the goal of, if you are doing any of these things, you do fall under these statutes, including if you are a government agency, and if you work for a city, county, or state. This is not a change; these folks already do have to be certified or licensed depending on the capacity that they are working in. We are trying to make that very clear in this definition that here is where you stand and there are going to be more requirements throughout this statute where you fall under. Again, we are just trying to make sure that we are in compliance with the feds and our cooperative agreement, that the language is updated, and we are able to continue to do this work for the state.

I do want to mention another change in the bill. This is a merge of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) Chapter 555 and NRS Chapter 586, which is in section 4, subsection 5 of the bill. It clarifies that records must be maintained for the distribution and retail of restricted use pesticides. That is specific to each place of business. Sometimes we see the primary company may have multiple businesses, and we are clarifying that each business location must maintain these records to be in compliance with federal law. That is all I have. Thank you so much and I am happy to answer questions.

**Chair Cohen:**

Does this also apply to home businesses?

**Ashley Jeppson:**

Anyone who is doing this commercially has to be licensed. If they are going into people's homes or are applying things in public spaces, if they are working in that capacity, yes, they would have to be licensed, but that already exists.

**Assemblywoman Considine:**

This is along the same lines: for property managers or apartments, if they have folks on staff who do the pest control for those areas, does this apply to them as well?

**Ashley Jeppson:**

This is not making any changes to them either. It is the same standard. If they are operating under the business, it depends on the capacity. I can get more clarification if needed, but this is not making any changes. If folks are working in a commercial capacity in any way, shape, or form, or if they are working in government, they have to be credentialed in some way, which really is just trying to hit home the safety aspects of it.

**Chair Cohen:**

Seeing no other questions, I will move on to support. Is there anyone in Carson City, Las Vegas, or Elko wishing to testify in support? Seeing no one, is there anyone on the phone? Hearing no one, is anyone in opposition in Carson City, Las Vegas, or Elko? Seeing no one, is there anyone on the phone? Hearing no one, is there anyone in neutral in Carson City, Las Vegas, or Elko? Seeing no one, is there anyone on the phone? Hearing no one, would the sponsor like to make closing comments?

**Ashley Jeppson:**

No, thank you. I appreciate the time.

**Chair Cohen:**

With that, I will close the hearing on S.B. 13 and I will open up for public comment. Is there anyone in Carson City, Las Vegas, Elko, or on the phone who would like to make public comment? [Public comment was heard.]

Before I adjourn, we do not have any more bills from the Senate yet. As soon as we get something from the Senate, we will schedule more hearings. With that, we are adjourned [at 4:12 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Nancy Davis  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITS**

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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