

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

**Eighty-Second Session  
March 13, 2023**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno at 10:40 a.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 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](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair  
Assemblywoman Shea Backus, Vice 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:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None



**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Brody Leiser, Assembly Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Karen Hoppe, Assembly Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Anne Bowen, Committee Secretary  
Janet Osalvo, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chair Monroe-Moreno:**

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were explained.] I know we had a long joint session meeting, but we are here today for a work session on Assembly Bill 268. It is a bill that we heard last week, and it makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor for the payment of retention incentives to employees of the Executive Department of the State of Nevada.

**Assembly Bill 268: Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the payment of retention incentives to employees of the Executive Department of the State Government. (BDR S-1037)**

**Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 268 was heard in the Committee on Ways and Means on March 8, 2023, and makes appropriations to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the purpose of issuing two \$500 payments to each employee of the Executive Department of the State Government. The \$500 payment would be made to employees who are employed on March 31, 2023, and those who are employed on June 16, 2023.

Within The Executive Budget, the Governor recommended \$20 million for this purpose in a onetime appropriation. However, it is Fiscal Analysis Division staff's understanding that this amount was increased by \$3 million to a total of \$23 million to account for professional staff within the Nevada System of Higher Education.

The testimony that was provided on March 8, 2023, came from the Governor's Chief of Staff, Ben Kieckhefer, and the Governor's Budget Director, Amy Stephenson. Those who were in support of the bill were Cisco Aguilar, Secretary of State; Susan Martinez, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Nevada State AFL-CIO; Randy Soltero, representing AFSCME International; Douglas Unger, Nevada Faculty Alliance; and Kent Ervin, Nevada Faculty Alliance.

During the hearing, the Chair requested that a budget amendment be prepared for this piece of legislation. You should have the mock-up for Proposed Amendment 3527 [[Exhibit C](#)]. In this amendment, section 1 changes the amount from \$23 million to \$20,970,000 for the

Executive Department of the State, which excludes professional staff of the Nevada System of Higher Education; persons whose compensation is paid from a budget account that is not subject to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 353.150 to NRS 353.246, which is also known as the State Budget Act; and persons who are in temporary, intermittent, or seasonal positions. This funding would be provided to the Judicial Department of the State Government. In Section 2, \$325,000 is provided to the Legislative Fund for the Legislative Department staff, and in section 3, \$81,000 is provided to the Public Employees' Retirement System.

**Chair Monroe-Moreno:**

I hope the members had an opportunity between our two meetings today to review the amendment. I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 268.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BACKUS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chair Monroe-Moreno:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Jauregui. That is the only business on our agenda for today.

The meeting is adjourned [at 10:47 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Anne Bowen  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair

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

## **EXHIBITS**

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is Proposed Amendment 3527 to Assembly Bill 268, prepared by the Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, dated March 12, 2023, presented by Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.