

Nevada agency wants crackdown on Uber 'aliens'

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The state's battle against Uber is on.

The Nevada Transportation Authority late Thursday unanimously supported Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto's strategy to take legal action against illegal passenger carrier activity in the state.

Commissioner Keith Sakelhide wondered aloud why the board that regulates buses and limousines statewide and taxicabs outside Clark County even had to vote on the measure.

"Is it really necessary to have an agenda item for the attorney general's office to do its job?" Sakelhide said.

But Chairman Andrew MacKay said taking up the issue was important because "actions of a certain magnitude should be ratified by the full board."

And the arrival of Uber has hit Nevada with the magnitude of a major earthquake.

In two public comment sessions conducted by the board, representatives of the industry encouraged regulators to use whatever means necessary to prevent illegal operations.

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