
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 222—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 12, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires police service for Airport Authority of Washoe County to be provided by county. (BDR S-242)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to the Airport Authority of Washoe County; requiring police service for the authority to be provided by the sheriff of Washoe County; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 474, Statutes of Nevada 1977, at page 968, is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be designated as
3 section 10.7, immediately following section 10.5, to read as follows:

4 ***Sec. 10.7. The board of trustees of the authority and the board***
5 ***of county commissioners of Washoe County shall enter into an***
6 ***interlocal agreement pursuant to the provisions of chapter 277 of***
7 ***NRS that requires the sheriff of Washoe County to provide police***
8 ***service to the authority. The interlocal agreement must not provide***
9 ***for the payment of compensation for such service in an amount that***
10 ***is greater than the value of the service provided.***

11 **Sec. 2.** Section 10 of chapter 474, Statutes of Nevada 1977, as last
12 amended by chapter 359, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at page 1299, is hereby
13 amended to read as follows:

14 **Sec. 10.** The authority may do all things necessary to accomplish
15 the purposes of this act. The authority has perpetual succession and
16 may, by way of example and not of limitation:

17 1. Sue and be sued.

1 2. Plan, establish, acquire, construct, improve and operate one or
2 more airports within Washoe County.

3 3. Acquire real or personal property or any interest therein by
4 gift, lease or purchase for any of the purposes provided in this section,
5 including the elimination, prevention or marking of airport hazards.

6 4. Sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any real property in such
7 manner and upon such terms and conditions as the board deems
8 proper and in the best interests of the authority.

9 5. Acquire real property or any interest therein in areas most
10 affected by the noise of aircraft for the purpose of resale or lease
11 thereof, subject to restrictions limiting its use to industrial or other
12 purposes least affected by aircraft noise.

13 6. Enter into agreements with Washoe County and the cities of
14 Reno and Sparks to acquire, by lease, gift, purchase or otherwise, any
15 airport of such county or municipality and to operate that airport.

16 7. Exercise the power of eminent domain and dominant eminent
17 domain in the manner provided by law for the condemnation by a city
18 of private property for public use to take any property necessary to the
19 exercise of the powers granted, within Washoe County.

20 8. Apply directly to the proper federal, state, county and
21 municipal officials and agencies or to any other source, public or
22 private, for loans, grants, guarantees or other financial assistance in
23 aid of airports operated by it, and accept the same.

24 9. Study and recommend to the board of county commissioners of
25 Washoe County and the city councils of the cities of Reno and Sparks
26 zoning changes in the area of any airport operated by the authority
27 with respect to noise, height and aviation obstructions in order to
28 enable the authority to meet the requirements of any regulations of the
29 Federal Aviation Administration.

30 10. Control its airports with the right and duty to establish and
31 charge fees, rentals, rates and other charges, and collect revenues
32 therefrom, not inconsistent with the rights of the holders of its bonds,
33 and enter into agreements with carriers for the payment of landing
34 fees, rental rates and other charges.

35 11. Use in the performance of its functions the officers, agents,
36 employees, services, facilities, records and equipment of Washoe
37 County or the cities of Reno and Sparks, with the consent of the
38 respective county or municipality, and subject to such terms and
39 conditions as may be agreed upon.

40 12. Enter upon such lands, waters or premises as in the judgment
41 of the authority may be necessary for the purpose of making surveys,
42 soundings, borings and examinations to accomplish any purpose
43 authorized by this act. The authority is liable for actual damage done.

1 13. Provide its own fire protection ~~[, police]~~ and crash and rescue
2 service. ~~[A person employed by the authority to provide police~~
3 ~~service to the authority has the powers and must have the training~~
4 ~~required of a law enforcement officer pursuant to Part 107 of Title 14~~
5 ~~of the Code of Federal Regulations, as those provisions existed on~~
6 ~~January 1, 1997. A person employed by the authority to provide~~
7 ~~police service shall be deemed to be a peace officer for the purposes~~
8 ~~of determining retirement benefits under the public employees'~~
9 ~~retirement system.]~~

10 14. Contract with carriers with regard to landings and the
11 accommodations of the employees and passengers of those carriers.

12 15. Contract with persons or corporations to provide goods and
13 services for the use of the employees and passengers of the carriers
14 and the employees of the authority, as necessary or incidental to the
15 operation of the airports.

16 16. Hire and retain officers, agents and employees, including a
17 fiscal advisor, engineers, attorneys or other professional or specialized
18 personnel.

19 17. Adopt regulations governing vehicular traffic on the public
20 areas of its airports relating to but not limited to speed restrictions,
21 turning movements and other moving violations. It is unlawful for
22 any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required
23 in such regulations.

24 18. Adopt regulations governing parking, loading zones and
25 ground transportation operations on its airports and governing traffic
26 on restricted areas of its airports. The authority may establish a system
27 of:

28 (a) Administrative procedures for review of alleged violations of
29 such regulations; and

30 (b) Remedies for violations of such regulations, including the
31 imposition of administrative fines to be imposed upon and collected
32 from persons violating such regulations.

33 **Sec. 3.** 1. The board of trustees of the Airport Authority of Washoe
34 County and the board of county commissioners of Washoe County shall
35 enter into the interlocal agreement required by section 1 of this act,
36 effective January 1, 2000.

37 2. The Sheriff of Washoe County shall employ on January 1, 2000, to
38 provide police service to the Airport Authority of Washoe County, those
39 persons who are employed in that capacity by the authority on December
40 31, 1999, and who wish to continue in that capacity under the authority of
41 the Sheriff of Washoe County. The provisions of this subsection do not
42 prohibit the sheriff from terminating the employment of such a person after
43 January 1, 2000, for good cause shown.

1 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval for the
2 purpose of entering into the interlocal agreement required by section 1 of
3 this act and on January 1, 2000, for all other purposes.

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