ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 236–ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK

FEBRUARY 15, 1999

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR JACOBSEN

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Authorizes Douglas County to enter into certain contracts and agreements for certain purposes relating to operation of transit system in Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-112)

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 [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Lake Tahoe Basin; authorizing Douglas County to enter into certain contracts and agreements relating to the creation and operation of a nonprofit organization to operate a transit system in the Lake Tahoe Basin; exempting Douglas County from the Local Government Purchasing Act for the purposes of entering into such contracts and agreements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- **Section 1.** The legislature hereby finds and declares that, because of
- 2 the unique and special conditions of the Lake Tahoe Basin, certain
- 3 exemptions are necessary to allow Douglas County to make arrangements
- 4 with and to enter into an agreement with other public and private entities
- 5 for the creation and operation of a nonprofit organization to own, operate
- 6 and maintain a coordinated transit system in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The
- 7 legislature further finds and declares that:
 - 1. The Lake Tahoe Basin exhibits unique environmental and ecological conditions that are irreplaceable.
- 10 2. The increasing development of the region is threatening the quality
- of the water and air in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

- 3. The operation of a coordinated transit system in the Lake Tahoe Basin will contribute to a reduction in the degradation of the quality of water and air in the Basin.
- 4. Douglas County and other public and private entities in the Lake Tahoe Basin desire to own, operate and maintain a coordinated transit system through the creation and operation of a nonprofit organization.

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- 5. The nonprofit organization will be created through a cooperative agreement in which Douglas County will participate as a member.
- 6. A special act is necessary to provide participation in the cooperative agreement creating the nonprofit organization, and that a general law cannot be made applicable because of the need for cooperation between public and private entities and the requirements for the preservation of the quality of water and air that are unique to the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- **Sec. 2.** 1. Douglas County may enter into contracts and agreements with public and private entities for the purposes of creating, operating and dissolving a nonprofit organization to own, operate and maintain a coordinated transit system in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Douglas County is exempt from the provisions of chapter 332 of NRS for the purposes of entering into contracts and agreements pursuant to subsection 1.
 - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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