

Assembly Bill No. 358—Committee on Natural Resources,

Agriculture, and Mining

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to state land use planning; revising provisions governing the procedures to be followed if the Federal Government files a realty action concerning the purchase of private land in Nevada or the exchange of public land for private land in Nevada; 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. Chapter 321 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Upon receipt of a notice of realty action from the United States concerning the purchase by the Federal Government of private land or the exchange of public land for private land, the state land use planning agency shall give written notice of the proposed action to the governing body of each county or city affected within 1 week after its receipt of the notice.

2. The governing body of each affected county or city may, in addition to submission of comments directly to the Federal Government, deliver its written comments on the proposed realty action, including an estimation of any related reduction in the total assessed valuation of the real property within the jurisdiction of the local government and recommendations for mitigation of the loss of assessed valuation, to the state land use planning agency within 30 days after receipt of the notice.

3. If the state land use planning agency elects to submit written comment to the Federal Government upon the realty action, it shall include in its submission any comments it received pursuant to subsection 2.

Sec. 2. NRS 321.655 is hereby amended to read as follows:

321.655 As used in NRS 321.640 to 321.770, inclusive ~~§~~, and
section 1 of this act:

1. “Administrator” means the executive head of the division.

2. “Area of critical environmental concern” means any area in this state where there is or could develop irreversible degradation of more than local significance but does not include an area of depleting water supply which is caused by the beneficial use or storage of water in other areas pursuant to legally owned and fully appropriated water rights.

3. “Planning agency” means:

(a) The planning commission for the city in which the land is entirely located; or

(b) A county or regional planning commission, if there is one, or the board of county commissioners or Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency, within whose jurisdiction the land is located.

4. "Public lands" means all lands within the exterior boundaries of the State of Nevada except lands:

- (a) To which title is held by any private person or entity;
- (b) To which title is held by the State of Nevada, any of its local governments or the University and Community College System of Nevada;
- (c) Which are located within congressionally authorized national parks, monuments, national forests or wildlife refuges, or which are lands acquired by purchase consented to by the legislature;
- (d) Which are controlled by the United States Department of Defense, Department of Energy or Bureau of Reclamation; or
- (e) Which are held in trust for Indian purposes or are Indian reservations.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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