

SENATE BILL NO. 434—SENATOR PORTER

MARCH 15, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes Committee for the Economic Diversification of Southern Nevada.
(BDR S-50)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
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 regional planning; establishing the Committee for the Economic Diversification of Southern Nevada; setting forth the duties of the Committee; providing for the funding of the Committee; 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.** 1. The Committee for the Economic Diversification of
2 Southern Nevada, consisting of 13 members, is hereby created in Clark
3 County. The Committee consists of:
4 (a) One member appointed by the governing body of each of the
5 following:
6 (1) The City of Las Vegas.
7 (2) The City of Henderson.
8 (3) The City of North Las Vegas.
9 (4) Boulder City.
10 (5) The City of Mesquite.
11 (b) One member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of
12 Clark County.
13 (c) One member appointed by the Nevada Development Authority as its
14 representative.
15 (d) One member appointed by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning
16 Coalition, created on October 20, 1998, by an interlocal agreement entered

1 into on that date pursuant to the provisions of NRS 277.080 to 277.180,
2 inclusive, or its successor, to represent the interests of utilities that provide
3 services in Clark County.

4 (e) One member appointed by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce as
5 its representative.

6 (f) One member appointed by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors
7 Authority as its representative.

8 (g) One member appointed by the Commission on Economic
9 Development created by NRS 231.030 as its representative.

10 (h) One member appointed by the Nevada Resort Association as its
11 representative.

12 (i) One member appointed by the Nevada State AFL-CIO as its
13 representative.

14 2. A vacancy in the membership of the Committee must be filled in the
15 same manner as the original member was selected.

16 3. The members of the Committee serve without compensation, except
17 that while engaged in the business of the Committee, each member is
18 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for
19 county officers and employees generally.

20 4. The County Clerk of Clark County shall provide the Committee with
21 administrative support. Other costs and expenses necessary for the
22 operation of the Committee and the carrying out of its duties which the
23 County Clerk of Clark County is unable to provide to the Committee
24 directly must be paid from the county general fund.

25 **Sec. 2.** 1. The member of the Committee for the Economic
26 Diversification of Southern Nevada who is appointed by the Nevada
27 Development Authority pursuant to paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of section
28 1 of this act shall serve as the chairman of the Committee.

29 2. The Committee shall elect a vice chairman from among its members.

30 3. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship of the Committee, the new
31 member appointed by the Nevada Development Authority shall serve as the
32 chairman of the Committee. If a vacancy occurs in the vice chairmanship of
33 the Committee, the members of the Committee shall elect a replacement.

34 **Sec. 3.** 1. The members of the Committee for the Economic
35 Diversification of Southern Nevada shall meet at least quarterly and may
36 meet at the call of the chairman or a majority of the members of the
37 Committee.

38 2. Seven members of the Committee constitute a quorum to transact all
39 business, and a majority of those present must concur on any decision.

40 **Sec. 4.** The Committee for the Economic Diversification of Southern
41 Nevada shall:

42 1. Prioritize the objectives and strategies relating to the economic
43 development and diversification of Clark County.

1 2. Identify, define and assess the elements of physical and financial
2 infrastructure necessary to support the economic development and
3 diversification of Clark County.

4 3. Conduct a feasibility study to determine the point at which efforts
5 relating to economic diversification have a positive effect on the economy
6 of Clark County.

7 4. Identify and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of existing
8 programs that provide incentives for the economic development and
9 diversification of Clark County and conduct an examination of programs
10 which have been used successfully to provide incentives for the economic
11 development and diversification of other cities and metropolitan areas
12 throughout the United States.

13 5. Develop a 5-year plan to promote the economic development and
14 diversification of Clark County.

15 6. Identify and make recommendations with respect to the needs of
16 educational and vocational programs in supporting the development of a
17 skilled work force within Clark County.

18 7. Identify sources of funding to support the economic development
19 and diversification of Clark County.

20 8. Insofar as practicable, coordinate efforts between the public and
21 private sector to promote the economic development and diversification of
22 Clark County.

23 **Sec. 5.** In addition to the duties set forth in section 4 of this act, the
24 Committee for the Economic Diversification of Southern Nevada shall:

25 1. Beginning on March 1, 2000, and at least once every 3 months
26 thereafter until July 1, 2001, provide a report on the progress made by the
27 Committee toward carrying out the duties set forth in section 4 of this act
28 to:

29 (a) The Commission on Economic Development created by NRS
30 231.030; and

31 (b) The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, created on
32 October 20, 1998, by an interlocal agreement entered into on that date
33 pursuant to the provisions of NRS 277.080 to 277.180, inclusive, or its
34 successor.

35 2. Develop and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel
36 Bureau for transmittal to the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature for its
37 review on or before April 1, 2001, a report setting forth the conclusions,
38 findings and recommendations of the Committee with respect to the
39 economic development and diversification of Clark County, including,
40 without limitation, any recommendations for legislation that the Committee
41 determines to be advisable.

- 1 **Sec. 6.** The Committee for the Economic Diversification of Southern
- 2 Nevada shall hold its first meeting on or before December 15, 1999.
- 3 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on October 1, 1999, and expires by
- 4 limitation on July 1, 2001.

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