
SENATE BILL NO. 526—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to plan for use of water resources. (BDR 48-1601)

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 water resources; requiring the division of water planning of the state department of conservation and natural resources to submit its plan for the use of water to the legislature by a certain date; requiring the division to indicate the differences between the plan submitted and the plan last submitted to the legislature; restricting the contents of a plan; 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.** NRS 540.101 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 540.101 1. The division shall develop a plan for the use of water
3 resources within the state.
4 2. The division shall coordinate with local governments in developing
5 the plan pursuant to subsection 1. Upon request of the division, each local
6 government shall cooperate with and assist the division in the development
7 of the plan.
8 3. The water plan developed pursuant to subsection 1 must include
9 provisions designed to protect the identified needs for water for current and
10 future development in the rural areas of the state, giving consideration to
11 relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the economy of the affected
12 areas and the quality of life in the affected areas. ***The plan must not***
13 ***include language which states or implies that:***
14 ***(a) Implementation of a policy or recommendation of the plan is***
15 ***mandatory;*** ***or***

1 *(b) Persons other than the division are required or expected to assist*
2 *in the implementation of the plan or a policy or recommendation of the*
3 *plan.*

4 4. ~~{The}~~ *Not later than February 15th of each odd-numbered year,*
5 *the* division shall submit to the legislature for its review and consideration:

6 (a) The plan developed pursuant to subsection 1; and

7 (b) The recommendations regarding the plan provided to the division by
8 the advisory board on water resources planning and development pursuant
9 to NRS 540.111.

10 ~~{The division must obtain the approval of the legislature before the plan is~~
11 ~~implemented.}~~ *The plan submitted to the legislature must contain a list of*
12 *modifications or include in the plan highlighting or clearly indicating by*
13 *another method the differences between the plan submitted and the plan*
14 *which was last submitted to the legislature.*

15 5. As used in this section, "local government" means a political
16 subdivision of this state, including, without limitation, a city, county,
17 irrigation district, water district or water conservancy district.

18 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.