

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 19—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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(ON BEHALF OF THE TASK FORCE FOR LONG-TERM  
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND PLANNING)

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates forecast council and related technical advisory committees to produce long-term forecasts of state revenues and expenditures and estimates of impacts of proposed programs. (BDR 31-203)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 state financial administration; providing for the creation of the forecast council and related technical advisory committees to produce long-term forecasts of state revenues and expenditures and estimates of impacts of proposed programs; establishing the projections and forecasts of the forecast council as the official long-term forecasts of this state for budgetary purposes; expanding the duties of the office of financial analysis and planning of the fiscal analysis division of the legislative counsel bureau to support the forecast council and related technical advisory committees; 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 353 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
2     the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.  
3     **Sec. 2. 1. *The forecast council is hereby created. The forecast***  
4     ***council consists of seven members, as follows:***  
5         ***(a) The governor or an employee of the executive department***  
6         ***designated by the governor;***  
7         ***(b) The speaker of the assembly or a member of the assembly***  
8         ***designated by the speaker;***  
9         ***(c) The majority leader of the senate or a senator designated by the***  
10        ***majority leader;***



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- 1 (d) An employee of the executive department, designated by the  
2 governor, who is:
- 3 (1) An expert with demonstrated ability in the field of economics,  
4 taxation or other discipline necessary to economic forecasting; and  
5 (2) Able to bring knowledge and professional judgment to the  
6 deliberations of the forecast council; and
- 7 (e) Three persons, appointed by the governor, each of whom is:
- 8 (1) An expert with demonstrated ability in the field of economics,  
9 taxation, demography, urban planning, accounting, finance or other  
10 discipline necessary to economic planning or forecasting;  
11 (2) Able to bring knowledge and professional judgment to the  
12 deliberations of the forecast council; and  
13 (3) Not an elected officer, state officer or employee of this state or  
14 any political subdivision of this state unless he is an officer or employee  
15 at an institution of higher education.
- 16 2. The governor shall appoint the members of the forecast council  
17 required pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 not later than the date  
18 of the expiration of the term of the members previously appointed  
19 pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1. If a vacancy occurs before the  
20 expiration of the term of such a member, the governor shall make an  
21 appointment to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term  
22 not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. The governor shall notify  
23 the director of the legislative counsel bureau of the name of each  
24 member appointed pursuant to this subsection or paragraph (e) of  
25 subsection 1 not later than 15 days after the appointment occurs.
- 26 3. A member of the forecast council appointed pursuant to  
27 paragraph (e) of subsection 1:
- 28 (a) Serves for a term of 4 years; and  
29 (b) May be reappointed.
- 30 4. If designated pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of  
31 subsection 1, a member of the forecast council serves at the pleasure of  
32 the officer or legislator empowered to designate that member.
- 33 5. The forecast council shall:
- 34 (a) Hold at least one meeting after September 1 but not later than  
35 October 31 of each odd-numbered year;  
36 (b) At its first meeting after September 1 of each odd-numbered year:  
37 (1) Elect a chairman from among its members appointed pursuant  
38 to paragraph (e) of subsection 1; and  
39 (2) Elect a vice chairman from among its members;  
40 (c) Adopt such rules governing the conduct of the forecast council as  
41 it deems necessary; and  
42 (d) Hold meetings as necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned to it  
43 in the time allotted.
- 44 6. The director of the legislative counsel bureau and the director of  
45 the department of administration shall jointly provide the forecast  
46 council with:
- 47 (a) Meeting rooms;  
48 (b) Staff;  
49 (c) Data processing services; and



1 (d) Clerical assistance.

2 7. A majority of the members of the forecast council constitutes a  
3 quorum, and a majority of those present must concur in any decision.

4 8. While engaged in the business of the forecast council, a member  
5 described in paragraph (e) of subsection 1, other than a member who is  
6 an officer or employee of this state at an institution of higher education,  
7 is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided  
8 for state officers and employees generally. In addition, such a member is  
9 entitled to receive for each meeting of the forecast council:

10 (a) Eighty dollars for 1 day of preparation for that meeting; and

11 (b) Eighty dollars for each day or part of a day during which the  
12 meeting lasts.

13 9. A member of the forecast council described in paragraph (a) or (d)  
14 of subsection 1, and a member described in paragraph (e) of subsection 1  
15 who is an officer or employee of this state at an institution of higher  
16 education, must be relieved from his duties without loss of his regular  
17 compensation so that he may prepare for and attend meetings of the  
18 forecast council and perform any work necessary to accomplish the tasks  
19 assigned to the forecast council in the most timely manner practicable. A  
20 state agency shall not require such a member of the forecast council to  
21 make up the time he is absent from work to fulfill his obligations as a  
22 member and shall not require the member to take annual vacation or  
23 compensatory time for the absence. Such a member shall serve on the  
24 forecast council without additional compensation, except that while he is  
25 engaged in the business of the forecast council, he is entitled to receive  
26 the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers  
27 and employees generally, which must be paid by the state agency that  
28 employs him.

29 10. Each legislator who is a member of the forecast council pursuant  
30 to paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 1 is entitled to receive:

31 (a) Except during a regular or special session of the legislature, the  
32 compensation provided for a majority of the members of the legislature  
33 during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session for each day or  
34 portion of a day during which he attends a meeting of the forecast  
35 council and for 1 day of preparation for that meeting; and

36 (b) The per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state  
37 officers and employees generally.

38 11. The compensation, per diem allowance and travel expenses  
39 provided in subsection 10 must be paid from the legislative fund.

40 Sec. 3. 1. The forecast council shall:

41 (a) Make such projections for economic indicators as it deems  
42 necessary to ensure that forecasts are produced as required by  
43 paragraphs (b) and (c);

44 (b) Provide a forecast of the revenue that will be collected by this state  
45 during the decennium that begins on July 1 of the year following the date  
46 of the meeting required by paragraph (a) of subsection 5 of section 2 of  
47 this act;



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- 1 (c) Provide a forecast of the expenditures of this state during the  
2 decennium that begins on July 1 of the year following the date of the  
3 meeting required by paragraph (a) of subsection 5 of section 2 of this act;
- 4 (d) Request such technical assistance as the forecast council deems  
5 necessary from the revenue technical advisory committee, the  
6 expenditure technical advisory committee, and the office of financial  
7 analysis and planning of the fiscal analysis division of the legislative  
8 counsel bureau; and
- 9 (e) On or before March 1 of each even-numbered year, prepare a  
10 written report of its projections and forecasts required by paragraphs (a),  
11 (b) and (c) and present the report to:
- 12 (1) The governor, for distribution to the budget division of the  
13 department of administration and other appropriate agencies; and
- 14 (2) The director of the legislative counsel bureau, for distribution to  
15 each legislator and appropriate employees of the legislative counsel  
16 bureau.
- 17 2. At any time, the chairman of the forecast council may call for a  
18 review of the projections and forecasts contained in the most recent  
19 report presented pursuant to this subsection or subsection 1. Upon a call  
20 for a review, the forecast council shall meet to consider revising the  
21 projections and forecasts. If the forecast council revises the projections  
22 and forecasts, the forecast council shall prepare a new report and present  
23 the new report to the governor and the director of the legislative counsel  
24 bureau as required pursuant to subsection 1.
- 25 3. A report prepared pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 must include,  
26 without limitation:
- 27 (a) Projections and forecasts for each year of the decennium;
- 28 (b) A discussion of the changes from the projections and forecasts  
29 contained in the immediately preceding report;
- 30 (c) Specific identification and discussion of the changes from the  
31 projections and forecasts contained in the immediately preceding report  
32 caused by actions of the legislature during the immediately preceding  
33 legislative session; and
- 34 (d) A comparison of previous projections and forecasts with actual  
35 revenues, expenditures and related facts.
- 36 4. Before or during each regular session of the legislature, a person  
37 selected by the forecast council shall appear before:
- 38 (a) The budget subcommittee of the legislative commission appointed  
39 pursuant to NRS 218.6824; or
- 40 (b) The senate standing committee on finance and the assembly  
41 standing committee on ways and means,  
42 to discuss the projections and forecasts contained in the most recent  
43 report presented by the forecast council pursuant to subsection 1 or 2.
- 44 5. The forecast council may request information directly from any  
45 state agency. A state agency that receives a request for information from  
46 the forecast council shall comply with the request as soon as is  
47 practicable after receiving the request.
- 48 6. To carry out its duties pursuant to this section, the forecast council  
49 may consider any information received from the revenue technical



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1 advisory committee, the expenditure technical advisory committee, the  
2 office of financial analysis and planning, and any other information  
3 received from independent sources.

4 7. Copies of the reports presented pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 must  
5 be made available to the public by the director of the legislative counsel  
6 bureau for the cost of reproducing the reports.

7 Sec. 4. The projections and forecasts contained in the most recent  
8 report presented pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 of section 3 of this act are  
9 the official long-term projections and forecasts of this state. Any  
10 difference between the official long-term projections and forecasts of this  
11 state and the projections and forecasts contained in or used for:

12 1. A budgetary request of a department, institution or agency of the  
13 executive department must be identified and explained in the budgetary  
14 request.

15 2. The proposed budget submitted by the governor pursuant to NRS  
16 353.230 must be identified and explained in the proposed budget.

17 Sec. 5. 1. The revenue technical advisory committee is hereby  
18 created. The committee consists of nine members, as follows:

19 (a) The senate fiscal analyst or an employee of the fiscal analysis  
20 division of the legislative counsel bureau designated by the senate fiscal  
21 analyst;

22 (b) The assembly fiscal analyst or an employee of the fiscal analysis  
23 division of the legislative counsel bureau designated by the assembly  
24 fiscal analyst;

25 (c) The chief of the budget division of the department of  
26 administration or an employee of the budget division designated by the  
27 chief;

28 (d) The chief of the research and analysis bureau of the division of  
29 information development and processing of the department of  
30 employment, training and rehabilitation or an employee of the bureau  
31 designated by the chief;

32 (e) The vice chancellor for finance of the University and Community  
33 College System of Nevada or an employee of the University and  
34 Community College System of Nevada designated by the vice chancellor;

35 (f) The demographer employed pursuant to NRS 360.283; and

36 (g) Three persons, appointed by the governor, each of whom is:

37 (1) An expert with demonstrated ability in the field of economics,  
38 taxation, demography, urban planning, accounting, finance or other  
39 discipline necessary to economic planning or forecasting;

40 (2) Able to bring knowledge and professional judgment to the  
41 deliberations of the committee; and

42 (3) Not an elected officer, state officer or employee of this state or  
43 any political subdivision of this state unless he is an officer or employee  
44 at an institution of higher education.

45 2. The governor shall appoint the members of the revenue technical  
46 advisory committee required pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 1  
47 not later than the date of the expiration of the term of the members  
48 previously appointed pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 1. If a  
49 vacancy occurs before the expiration of the term of such a member, the



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1 governor shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the remainder  
2 of the unexpired term not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs.  
3 The governor shall notify the director of the legislative counsel bureau of  
4 the name of each member appointed pursuant to this subsection or  
5 paragraph (g) of subsection 1 not later than 15 days after the  
6 appointment occurs.

7 3. A member of the revenue technical advisory committee appointed  
8 pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 1:  
9 (a) Serves for a term of 4 years; and  
10 (b) May be reappointed.

11 4. If designated pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, of  
12 subsection 1, a member of the revenue technical advisory committee  
13 serves at the pleasure of the officer empowered to designate that member.

14 5. The revenue technical advisory committee shall:  
15 (a) At its first meeting after September 1 of each odd-numbered year:  
16 (1) Elect a chairman from among its members appointed pursuant  
17 to paragraph (g) of subsection 1; and  
18 (2) Elect a vice chairman from among its members;  
19 (b) Adopt such rules governing the conduct of the committee as it  
20 deems necessary;  
21 (c) Hold meetings as necessary to carry out the requests made by the  
22 forecast council pursuant to section 3 of this act in the most timely  
23 manner practicable;  
24 (d) Provide all assistance requested by the forecast council pursuant  
25 to section 3 of this act;  
26 (e) After receiving a request pursuant to section 7 of this act for an  
27 estimate of the effect of a proposal:  
28 (1) Prepare a written estimate of the effect, with regard to revenues,  
29 of the proposal upon the official long-term projections and forecasts of  
30 this state;  
31 (2) Present the written estimate prepared pursuant to subparagraph  
32 (1) to:  
33 (I) The forecast council;  
34 (II) The governor, for distribution to the budget division of the  
35 department of administration and other appropriate agencies; and  
36 (III) The director of the legislative counsel bureau, for  
37 distribution to each legislator and appropriate employees of the  
38 legislative counsel bureau; and  
39 (3) Present the written estimate, as required by subparagraph (2),  
40 not later than:  
41 (I) March 1 following the commencement of the regular  
42 legislative session if the proposal is contained in the proposed budget  
43 submitted by the governor pursuant to NRS 353.230; or  
44 (II) Ninety days after the commencement of the regular  
45 legislative session if the proposal is contained in a legislative measure;  
46 and  
47 (f) Request such technical assistance as the committee deems  
48 necessary from the office of financial analysis and planning of the fiscal  
49 analysis division of the legislative counsel bureau.



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1     6. A majority of the members of the revenue technical advisory  
2     committee constitutes a quorum, and a majority of those present must  
3     concur in any decision.

4     7. While engaged in the business of the revenue technical advisory  
5     committee, a member described in paragraph (g) of subsection 1, other  
6     than a member who is an officer or employee of this state at an  
7     institution of higher education, is entitled to receive the per diem  
8     allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees  
9     generally. In addition, such a member is entitled to receive for each  
10    meeting of the committee:

11    (a) Eighty dollars for 1 day of preparation for that meeting; and

12    (b) Eighty dollars for each day or part of a day during which the  
13    meeting lasts.

14    8. A member of the revenue technical advisory committee described  
15    in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive, of subsection 1, and a member  
16    described in paragraph (g) of subsection 1 who is an officer or employee  
17    of this state at an institution of higher education, must be relieved from  
18    his duties without loss of his regular compensation so that he may  
19    prepare for and attend meetings of the committee and perform any work  
20    necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned to the committee in the most  
21    timely manner practicable. A state agency shall not require such a  
22    member of the committee to make up the time he is absent from work to  
23    fulfill his obligations as a member and shall not require the member to  
24    take annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence. Such a  
25    member shall serve on the committee without additional compensation,  
26    except that while he is engaged in the business of the committee, he is  
27    entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided  
28    for state officers and employees generally, which must be paid by the  
29    state agency that employs him.

30    9. The revenue technical advisory committee may request  
31    information from any state agency. A state agency that receives a request  
32    for information from the committee shall comply with the request as soon  
33    as is practicable after receiving the request.

34    10. The director of the legislative counsel bureau and the director of  
35    the department of administration shall jointly provide the revenue  
36    technical advisory committee with:

37    (a) Meeting rooms;

38    (b) Staff;

39    (c) Data processing services; and

40    (d) Clerical assistance.

41    Sec. 6. 1. The expenditure technical advisory committee is hereby  
42    created. The committee consists of 11 members, as follows:

43    (a) The senate fiscal analyst or an employee of the fiscal analysis  
44    division of the legislative counsel bureau designated by the senate fiscal  
45    analyst;

46    (b) The assembly fiscal analyst or an employee of the fiscal analysis  
47    division of the legislative counsel bureau designated by the assembly  
48    fiscal analyst;





- 1 (c) The chief of the budget division of the department of  
2 administration or an employee of the budget division designated by the  
3 chief;
- 4 (d) The chief of the research and analysis bureau of the division of  
5 information development and processing of the department of  
6 employment, training and rehabilitation or an employee of the bureau  
7 designated by the chief;
- 8 (e) The vice chancellor for finance of the University and Community  
9 College System of Nevada or an employee of the University and  
10 Community College System of Nevada designated by the vice chancellor;
- 11 (f) The superintendent of public instruction or an employee of the  
12 department of education designated by the superintendent of public  
13 instruction who has expertise relating to the state distributive school  
14 account in the state general fund;
- 15 (g) The director of the department of prisons or an employee of the  
16 department designated by the director who has expertise in the budget  
17 and expenditure programs of the department;
- 18 (h) The director of the department of human resources or an  
19 employee of the department designated by the director who has expertise  
20 in the budget and expenditure programs of the department;
- 21 (i) The demographer employed pursuant to NRS 360.283;
- 22 (j) A person, appointed by the governor, who is an officer or employee  
23 of a local government of this state; and
- 24 (k) A person, appointed by the governor, who is:
- 25 (1) An expert with demonstrated ability in the field of economics,  
26 taxation, demography, urban planning, accounting, finance or other  
27 discipline necessary to economic planning or forecasting;
- 28 (2) Able to bring knowledge and professional judgment to the  
29 deliberations of the committee; and
- 30 (3) Not an elected officer, state officer or employee of this state or  
31 any political subdivision of this state unless he is an officer or employee  
32 at an institution of higher education.
- 33 2. The governor shall appoint the members of the expenditure  
34 technical advisory committee required pursuant to paragraphs (j) and (k)  
35 of subsection 1 not later than the date of the expiration of the term of the  
36 members previously appointed pursuant to paragraphs (j) and (k) of  
37 subsection 1. If a vacancy occurs before the expiration of the term of  
38 such a member, the governor shall make an appointment to fill the  
39 vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term not later than 30 days  
40 after the vacancy occurs. The governor shall notify the director of the  
41 legislative counsel bureau of the name of each member appointed  
42 pursuant to this subsection or paragraph (j) or (k) of subsection 1 not  
43 later than 15 days after the appointment occurs.
- 44 3. The member of the expenditure technical advisory committee  
45 appointed pursuant to paragraph (k) of subsection 1 shall serve as  
46 chairman of the committee. A member of the committee appointed  
47 pursuant to paragraph (j) or (k) of subsection 1:
- 48 (a) Serves for a term of 4 years; and
- 49 (b) May be reappointed.





- 1     4. If designated pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive, of  
2 subsection 1, a member of the expenditure technical advisory committee  
3 serves at the pleasure of the officer empowered to designate that member.
- 4     5. The expenditure technical advisory committee shall:
- 5     (a) At its first meeting after September 1 of each odd-numbered year,  
6 elect a vice chairman from among its members;
- 7     (b) Adopt such rules governing the conduct of the committee as it  
8 deems necessary;
- 9     (c) Hold meetings as necessary to carry out the requests made by the  
10 forecast council pursuant to section 3 of this act in the most timely  
11 manner practicable;
- 12     (d) Provide all assistance requested by the forecast council pursuant  
13 to section 3 of this act;
- 14     (e) After receiving a request pursuant to section 7 of this act for an  
15 estimate of the effect of a proposal:
- 16         (1) Prepare a written estimate of the effect, with regard to  
17 expenditures, of the proposal upon the official long-term projections and  
18 forecasts of this state;
- 19         (2) Present the written estimate prepared pursuant to subparagraph  
20 (1) to:
- 21             (I) The forecast council;
- 22             (II) The governor, for distribution to the budget division of the  
23 department of administration and other appropriate agencies; and
- 24             (III) The director of the legislative counsel bureau, for  
25 distribution to each legislator and appropriate employees of the  
26 legislative counsel bureau; and
- 27     (3) Present the written estimate, as required by subparagraph (2),  
28 not later than:
- 29         (I) March 1 following the commencement of the regular  
30 legislative session if the proposal is contained in the proposed budget  
31 submitted by the governor pursuant to NRS 353.230; or
- 32         (II) Ninety days after the commencement of the regular  
33 legislative session if the proposal is contained in a legislative measure;  
34 and
- 35     (f) Request such technical assistance as the committee deems  
36 necessary from the office of financial analysis and planning of the fiscal  
37 analysis division of the legislative counsel bureau.
- 38     6. A majority of the members of the expenditure technical advisory  
39 committee constitutes a quorum, and a majority of those present must  
40 concur in any decision.
- 41     7. While engaged in the business of the expenditure technical  
42 advisory committee, a member described in paragraph (k) of subsection  
43 1, other than a member who is an officer or employee of this state at an  
44 institution of higher education, is entitled to receive the per diem  
45 allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees  
46 generally. In addition, such a member is entitled to receive for each  
47 meeting of the committee:
- 48         (a) Eighty dollars for 1 day of preparation for that meeting; and



1 (b) Eighty dollars for each day or part of a day during which the  
2 meeting lasts.

3 8. A member of the expenditure technical advisory committee  
4 described in paragraphs (a) to (j), inclusive, of subsection 1, and a  
5 member described in paragraph (k) of subsection 1 who is an officer or  
6 employee of this state at an institution of higher education, must be  
7 relieved from his duties without loss of his regular compensation so that  
8 he may prepare for and attend meetings of the committee and perform  
9 any work necessary to accomplish the tasks assigned to the committee in  
10 the most timely manner practicable. A state agency shall not require such  
11 a member of the committee to make up the time he is absent from work to  
12 fulfill his obligations as a member and shall not require the member to  
13 take annual vacation or compensatory time for the absence. Such a  
14 member shall serve on the committee without additional compensation,  
15 except that while he is engaged in the business of the committee, he is  
16 entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided  
17 for state officers and employees generally, which must be paid by the  
18 state agency that employs him.

19 9. The expenditure technical advisory committee may request  
20 information from any state agency. A state agency that receives a request  
21 for information from the committee shall comply with the request as soon  
22 as is practicable after receiving the request.

23 10. The director of the legislative counsel bureau and the director of  
24 the department of administration shall jointly provide the expenditure  
25 technical advisory committee with:

26 (a) Meeting rooms;

27 (b) Staff;

28 (c) Data processing services; and

29 (d) Clerical assistance.

30 Sec. 7. 1. During each regular legislative session, the office of  
31 financial analysis and planning of the fiscal analysis division of the  
32 legislative counsel bureau shall request from the revenue technical  
33 advisory committee, the expenditure technical advisory committee, or  
34 both, as appropriate, an estimate of the effect of a proposal contained in  
35 the proposed budget submitted by the governor pursuant to NRS 353.230  
36 or in a legislative measure introduced not later than the 75th day of the  
37 session:

38 (a) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to subsection 2; or

39 (b) If the proposal:

40 (1) Modifies an existing revenue source or expenditure program or  
41 creates a new revenue source or expenditure program; and

42 (2) Has a projected fiscal impact, during the first complete year the  
43 proposal would be in effect, equal to or greater than 2 percent of the  
44 estimated future state revenue for the second year of the immediately  
45 succeeding biennium as estimated by the economic forum on or before  
46 the immediately preceding December 1 pursuant to paragraph (d) of  
47 subsection 1 of NRS 353.228.

48 2. During each regular legislative session, not later than the 75th day  
49 of the session:



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- 1 (a) *The governor may, not more than twice;*  
2 (b) *The speaker of the assembly may, not more than once; and*  
3 (c) *The majority leader of the senate may, not more than once,*  
4 *request an estimate of the effect of a proposal contained in the proposed*  
5 *budget submitted by the governor pursuant to NRS 353.230 or in a*  
6 *legislative measure introduced not later than the 75th day of the session.*  
7 *A request pursuant to this subsection must be submitted to the office of*  
8 *financial analysis and planning.*

9 3. As used in this section, "projected fiscal impact" means:

- 10 (a) *If the proposal is contained in the proposed budget submitted by*  
11 *the governor pursuant to NRS 353.230, the estimate or projection of the*  
12 *fiscal impact of the proposal as stated in the proposed budget; and*  
13 (b) *If the proposal is contained in a legislative measure introduced not*  
14 *later than the 75th day of the session, the estimate or projection of the*  
15 *fiscal impact of the proposal as prepared by the fiscal analysis division of*  
16 *the legislative counsel bureau.*

17 **Sec. 8.** NRS 353.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 353.150 NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 7,*  
19 *inclusive, of this act,* may be cited as the State Budget Act.

20 **Sec. 9.** NRS 353.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 353.160 The budget division of the department of administration shall  
22 administer the provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.246, inclusive, except  
23 *sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act and* NRS 353.226 to 353.229,  
24 inclusive, subject to administrative supervision by the director of the  
25 department of administration.

26 **Sec. 10.** NRS 353.246 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 353.246 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of this  
28 section and subsection 6 of NRS 353.210, *and sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of*  
29 *this act,* the provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.245, inclusive, do not apply  
30 to agencies, bureaus, commissions and officers of the legislative  
31 department, the public employees' retirement system and the judicial  
32 department of the state government.

33 2. The legislative department, the public employees' retirement system  
34 and the judicial department of the state government shall submit their  
35 budgets to the legislature in the same format as the proposed executive  
36 budget unless otherwise provided by the legislative commission. All  
37 projections of revenue and any other information concerning future state  
38 revenue contained in those budgets must be based upon the projections and  
39 estimates prepared by the economic forum pursuant to NRS 353.228.

40 **Sec. 11.** NRS 218.6865 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 218.6865 1. The office of financial analysis and planning is hereby  
42 created within the fiscal analysis division of the legislative counsel bureau.  
43 The senate fiscal analyst and the assembly fiscal analyst shall appoint such  
44 personnel as the fiscal analysts determine are necessary for the office to  
45 carry out the duties of the office.

46 2. The office of financial analysis and planning shall ~~assist~~ :

47 (a) *Assist* the legislature in long-term financial analysis and planning,  
48 including, without limitation, long-term economic planning and forecasting  
49 of future state revenues ~~+~~ *and expenditures;*



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1 *(b) Provide all assistance requested by the:*

2 *(1) Forecast council pursuant to section 3 of this act;*

3 *(2) Revenue technical advisory committee pursuant to section 5 of*  
4 *this act; and*

5 *(3) Expenditure technical advisory committee pursuant to section 6*  
6 *of this act; and*

7 *(c) Prepare and present to the forecast council on or before March 1*  
8 *of each even-numbered year a report that, if accepted by the forecast*  
9 *council, would fulfill the requirements set forth in paragraph (e) of*  
10 *subsection 1 and subsection 3 of section 3 of this act.*

11 *3. The office of financial analysis and planning may request*  
12 *information from any state agency. A state agency that receives a request*  
13 *for information from the office of financial analysis and planning shall*  
14 *comply with the request as soon as is practicable after receiving the*  
15 *request.*

16 **Sec. 12.** On or before September 1, 2001, the governor shall appoint:

17 1. Three members to the forecast council pursuant to paragraph (e) of  
18 subsection 1 of section 2 of this act to an initial term that begins on  
19 September 1, 2001, and expires on August 31, 2005.

20 2. Three members to the revenue technical advisory committee  
21 pursuant to paragraph (g) of subsection 1 of section 5 of this act to an  
22 initial term that begins on September 1, 2001, and expires on August 31,  
23 2005.

24 3. Two members to the expenditure technical advisory committee  
25 pursuant to paragraphs (j) and (k) of subsection 1 of section 6 of this act to  
26 an initial term that begins on September 1, 2001, and expires on August 31,  
27 2005.

28 **Sec. 13.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3 of section 3  
29 of this act, the report required pursuant to subsection 1 of section 3 of this  
30 act to be prepared and presented on or before March 1, 2002, must not  
31 include the discussions, specific identifications and comparisons required  
32 pursuant to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection 3 of section 3 of this  
33 act.

34 **Sec. 14.** 1. This section becomes effective upon passage and  
35 approval.

36 2. Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 of this act become effective upon  
37 passage and approval for the purpose of appointing members to the  
38 forecast council, revenue technical advisory committee and expenditure  
39 technical advisory committee and on September 1, 2001, for all other  
40 purposes.

41 3. Sections 3, 4, 7, 11 and 13 of this act become effective on  
42 September 1, 2001.

