## ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 623-COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

## MARCH 26, 2001

## Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Creates Advisory Commission on Internet Commerce. (BDR S-1458)

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 economic development; creating the Advisory Commission on Internet Commerce; prescribing the membership and duties of the Advisory Commission; 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.** 1. The Advisory Commission on Internet Commerce is hereby created. The Advisory Commission consists of the Executive Director of the Commission on Economic Development, who serves ex officio, and 11 members appointed pursuant to this section.
- 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint three members to the Advisory Commission as follows:
  - (a) One Šenator; and

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- 8 (b) Two persons, each of whom are employed in an executive-level 9 position by a technology or software company located in Washoe County 10 that employs at least 50 persons.
  - 3. The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member to the Advisory Commission who is a Senator.
  - 4. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members to the Advisory Commission as follows:
    - (a) One Assemblyman; and
  - (b) Two persons, each of whom are employed in an executive-level position by a technology or software company located in Clark County that employs at least 50 persons.
  - 5. The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint one member to the Advisory Commission who is an Assemblyman.
- 21 6. The Governor shall appoint, from a list of nominations provided by 22 the Lieutenant Governor, three members to the Advisory Commission as 23 follows:



(a) One person who is employed in an executive-level position by a company that has relocated to Southern Nevada within the immediately preceding year;

- (b) One person who is employed in an executive-level position by a company that has relocated to Northern Nevada within the immediately preceding year; and
- (c) One person who is employed in an executive-level position by a venture capital investment company that is headquartered in this state and has operated in this state for at least 2 years.
- 7. A vacancy in the membership of the Advisory Commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 8. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide such personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies as the Advisory Commission may require to carry out its duties.
- 9. Upon the request of the Advisory Commission, an officer, agency or department of this state shall provide to the Advisory Commission such information and assistance as the Commission considers necessary to carry out its duties.
- **Sec. 2.** 1. The Advisory Commission shall hold six public meetings throughout this state. At its first meeting, the Advisory Commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from among its members.
- 2. The chairman of the Advisory Commission may create subcommittees comprised of members of the Advisory Commission, appoint a chairman of each such subcommittee and assign various topics of study to the subcommittees. Each such subcommittee may conduct meetings and report its findings and recommendations to the Advisory Commission.
- 3. For each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Advisory Commission who is a Legislator attends a meeting of the Advisory Commission or its subcommittee, or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Commission, except during a regular or special session of the Legislature, he is entitled to receive, payable from the Legislative Fund:
- (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding session;
- (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and
  - (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218.2207.
- 4. For each day or portion of a day during which the Executive Director of the Commission on Economic Development attends a meeting of the Advisory Commission or its subcommittee, or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Advisory Commission, he is entitled to receive his regular salary and the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, payable from the budget of the Commission on Economic Development.
- 5. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4, the members of the Advisory Commission serve without salary or other compensation and are not entitled to receive per diem allowances or travel expenses.



- Sec. 3. 1. The Advisory Commission shall examine policies and make recommendations to ensure that Internet commerce continues to grow and prosper in this state, while providing social and economic benefits to the residents, governmental entities and businesses of this state. The scope of the study conducted by the Advisory Commission must include, without limitation:
- (a) Methods to facilitate electronic commerce in this state, including, without limitation, an assessment of this state's current technological infrastructure and recommendations to enhance the infrastructure;
- (b) Methods to encourage the provision of governmental services through the Internet, to the extent practicable and feasible;
  - (c) Policies regarding the taxation of Internet commerce;
- (d) Methods to ensure the privacy and protection of customers who engage in Internet commerce;
  - (e) Electronic security and encryption technology; and
- (f) Policies regarding the regulation of unsolicited electronic mail.2. On or before August 31, 2002, the Advisory Commission may request the preparation of not more than two legislative measures to carry out the recommendations of the Commission.
- 3. The Advisory Commission shall, not later than November 1, 2002, prepare and submit a report of its findings from the study conducted pursuant to subsection 1 and any recommendations for legislation to the:
  - (a) Governor; and

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- (b) Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 72nd session of the Legislature.
- Sec. 4. On or before July 1, 2001, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Minority Leader of the Assembly and the Governor shall make appointments of members to the Advisory Commission on Internet Commerce pursuant to section 1 of this act. The terms of those members expire on December 31, 2002.
- 32 Sec. 5. 1. This section and section 4 of this act become effective 33 upon passage and approval.
- 34 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective upon passage and approval 35 for the purpose of appointing members to the Advisory Commission on Internet Commerce and on July 1, 2001, for all other purposes. 36
- Sections 2 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1, 2001. 38
  - This act expires by limitation on December 31, 2002.



