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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 57

Section 1. Chapter 341 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

For the purposes of the design and construction of buildings or other projects of this state, the Board shall adopt by regulation:

- 1. The seismic provisions of the International Building Code published by the International Code Council; and*
- 2. Standards for the investigation of hazards relating to seismic activity, including, without limitation, potential surface ruptures and liquefaction.*

Sec. 2. NRS 278.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

278.580 1. Subject to the limitation set forth in NRS 244.368, the governing body of any city or county may adopt a building code, specifying the design, soundness and materials of structures, and may adopt rules, ordinances and regulations for the enforcement of the building code.

2. The governing body may also fix a reasonable schedule of fees for the issuance of building permits. A schedule of fees so fixed does not apply to the State of Nevada, the University and Community College System of Nevada or any school district, except that such entities may contract with the governing body to pay such fees for the issuance of building permits, the review of plans and the inspection of construction. Except as it may agree to in such a contract, a governing body is not required to provide for the review of plans or the inspection

of construction with respect to a structure of the State of Nevada, the University and Community College System of Nevada or any school district.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State and its political subdivisions shall comply with all zoning regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, except for the expansion of any activity existing on April 23, 1971.

4. A ~~local~~ governing body shall amend its building codes to permit the use of straw or other materials and technologies which conserve scarce natural resources or resources that are renewable in the construction of a structure and the use of solar energy for the heating of a structure, to the extent the local climate allows. ~~It is intended by:~~

~~—(a) The Uniform Building Code adopted by the International Conference of Building Officials in the form most recently published before March 1, 1995; and~~

~~—(b) The Model Energy Code adopted by the Council of American Building Officials in the form most recently published before March 1, 1995.~~

5. *A governing body shall amend its building codes to include:*

(a) The seismic provisions of the International Building Code published by the International Code Council; and

(b) Standards for the investigation of hazards relating to seismic activity, including, without limitation, potential surface ruptures and liquefaction.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003, for the purposes of adopting the seismic provisions and standards in section 1 of this act and NRS 278.580, as amended by section 2 of this act, and on July 1, 2004, for all other purposes.