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# WORK SESSION

## Assembly Committee on Government Affairs

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 219**

**Requires Department of Administration to conduct study concerning feasibility and desirability of relocating certain state agencies to rural communities. (BDR S-1088)**

**Sponsored by:** Assemblyman Sherer  
**Date Heard:** March 17, 2003

Assembly Bill 219 requires the Department of Administration to appoint a committee to conduct a study on the feasibility of relocating one or more state agencies to rural communities. The committee must be composed of people knowledgeable about state government as well as people familiar with rural communities. The results of the study must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau no later than September 1, 2004. The Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration must consider the results of the study in his preparation of the state budget and include at least one relocation of a state agency for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

**Proposed amendments:** At the hearing on the bill, the sponsor proposed two amendments: (1) creating a fund to receive gifts or grants for conducting the study so that state funds would not be necessary; and (2) making the relocation of a state agency discretionary (rather than mandatory).

A rough mock-up of the proposed amendments is attached.

**Testimony in opposition:** There was no opposition to the bill as amended.

**Fiscal Impact:** Local Government: No  
State Government: Yes (However, fiscal note would be negated by amendment requiring private funding of study.)

MOCK-UP

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 219

PREPARED FOR ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
MARCH 19, 2003

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CONCEPTUAL FORM. THE LANGUAGE AND ITS PLACEMENT IN THE  
OFFICIAL AMENDMENT MAY DIFFER.**

EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~green bold double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment and (5) green bold dashed underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** 1. The Department of Administration shall conduct a  
2 study of the feasibility and desirability of relocating certain state agencies,  
3 or portions thereof, to rural communities.  
4     2. The Director of the Department shall appoint a committee of such  
5 persons as he deems appropriate to conduct the study, including, without  
6 limitation:  
7     (a) Persons who are familiar with the operation of State Government  
8 and the work performed by state employees; and  
9     (b) Persons who are familiar with the services and amenities that rural  
10 communities could offer to state employees, including, without limitation:  
11         (1) Lower costs of living;  
12         (2) The aesthetics of rural life;  
13         (3) Decreased commuting time;  
14         (4) An environment free from pollution, traffic congestion and high  
15 crime; and  
16         (5) Methods of communication which are equivalent to those that  
17 are available in urban areas.

\*PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AB219\*

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1 3. In conducting the study to determine the feasibility of relocating a  
2 particular state agency, or portion thereof, the committee shall first  
3 consider the mission and programs of the agency to ensure that they do not  
4 require the employees of  
5 the agency to perform their duties or provide customer service at a specific  
6 location.

7 4. In conducting the study, the Department shall conduct a written  
8 survey of state employees who work in urban areas to determine the  
9 number of employees who would be willing to relocate to a rural  
10 community if the office in which they are currently working were to be  
11 relocated. A copy of the survey must be distributed to each such employee  
12 with the employee's payroll check, or copy thereof, and may be returned to  
13 the Director of the Department through interoffice state mail.

14 5. The Department shall submit a report of the results of  
15 the study on or before September 1, 2004, to the Director of the Legislative  
16 Counsel Bureau.

17 6. The Chief of the Budget Division of the Department shall consider  
18 the results of the study during the preparation of the proposed state budget  
19 that will be presented by the Governor in January 2005. As a result of the  
20 study, the Department shall, *if feasible*, recommend the relocation of at  
21 least one state agency, or portion thereof, to a rural community and include  
22 that relocation as part of the proposed state budget for fiscal year 2006-  
23 2007.

24 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

25 Section 3. The Department shall set up an account within the  
26 Department to receive grants, gifts or donations for the purpose of  
27 funding the study in Section 1. The study shall begin when adequate  
28 funds have been received to cover the cost of the study.

Amendment  
proposed by  
sponsor to  
change the  
mandatory  
requirement to  
relocate a state  
agency.

Amendment  
proposed by  
sponsor to  
avoid fiscal  
impact on State.

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