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SB 328

Proposed By: - Western Nevada Development District (WNDD)
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Purpose of the Bill:

To recognize WNDD, in statute, and allow WNDD to apply for and deliver various state and federal programs on behalf of its members – and - to authorize and provides guidelines for the creation of additional Regional Development Districts in the State of Nevada.

What is a Regional Development District?

- A voluntary association of local governments in contiguous counties
- A unique umbrella organization that facilitates intergovernmental cooperation and communication among and between neighboring local governments, private sectors, and minority groups
- A proven means for small metropolitan and rural governments to pool scarce financial resources, to identify common needs and opportunities, and to implement regional programs designed to address local issues.
- A proven method of building the capacity of small metropolitan and rural local governments.
- WNDD was incorporated in 1983, and to-date, WNDD is the only such organization in the State of Nevada. (See attached information re: WNDD).

This Legislation will:

- **authorize and provide guidelines** for the creation of Regional Development Districts
- **permit** WNDD (and future Development Districts) to apply for and administer a variety of state and federal funds on behalf of their members
- **permit** local governments to pool their funds and share professional staff
- **permit** local governments in contiguous counties to work together in addressing a broad range of common issues, concerns, and opportunities

This Legislation will not:

- require the creation of Development Districts
- appropriate general funds
- grant taxing authority nor authorize to impose regional planning requirements or regulations
- duplicate existing programs

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