

Senate Bill No. 174—Committee on  
Government Affairs

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to economic development; making various changes concerning the powers and duties of the Commission on Economic Development; 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.** NRS 231.064 is hereby amended to read as follows:

231.064 In addition to its other duties, the Commission on Economic Development shall:

1. Investigate and study conditions affecting Nevada business, industry and commerce, and engage in technical studies, scientific investigations, statistical research and educational activities necessary or useful for the proper execution of the function of the Division *of Economic Development* in promoting and developing Nevada business, industry and commerce, both within and outside the State.

2. Conduct or encourage research designed to further new and more extensive uses of the natural and other resources of the State and designed to develop new products and industrial processes.

3. Serve as a center of public information for the State of Nevada by answering general inquiries concerning the resources and economic ~~[, residential and recreational]~~ advantages of this state and by furnishing information and data on these and related subjects.

4. Prepare , and ~~[publish pamphlets and other descriptive]~~ *disseminate in any medium, informational* material designed to promote *community, economic and* industrial development in Nevada . ~~[, including a regularly revised industrial directory for the State.]~~

5. Plan and develop an effective service for business information, both for the direct assistance of business and industry of the State and for the encouragement of business and industry outside the State to use economic facilities within the State, including readily accessible information on state and local taxes, local zoning regulations and environmental standards, the availability and cost of real estate, labor, energy, transportation and occupational education and related subjects.

**Sec. 2.** NRS 231.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:

231.067 The Commission on Economic Development shall:

1. Develop a state plan for industrial development and diversification.

2. ~~{Promote,}~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, promote,* encourage and aid the development of commercial, industrial, agricultural, mining and other vital economic interests of this state, except for travel and tourism . ~~{, except that in}~~ *In* a county whose population is less than 50,000, the county may include community development and the development of the nongaming recreation and tourism industry in its economic development efforts.

3. Identify sources of financing ~~{and}~~ *to* assist businesses and industries which wish to locate *or expand* in Nevada . ~~{in obtaining financing,}~~

4. Provide and administer grants of money to political subdivisions of the State and to local or regional organizations for economic development to assist them in promoting the advantages of their communities , *in expanding and retaining businesses in those communities* and in recruiting businesses to ~~{relocate in}~~ those communities. Each recipient must provide an amount of money, at least equal to the grant, for the same purpose, except ~~{,}~~ in a county whose population is less than 50,000, the Commission may, if convinced that the recipient is financially unable to do so, provide such a grant with less than equal matching money provided by the recipient.

5. Encourage and assist state, county and city agencies in planning and preparing projects for *community*, economic ~~{or}~~ *and* industrial development and financing those projects with revenue bonds ~~{,~~

~~6. Coordinate}~~ *or community development block grants.*

6. *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, coordinate* and assist the activities of counties, cities, local and regional organizations for economic development ~~{and fair and recreation boards}~~ in the State which affect *economic and* industrial development, except for travel and tourism . ~~{, except that in}~~ *In* a county whose population is less than 50,000, the county may include community development and the development of the nongaming recreation and tourism industry in its economic development efforts.

7. Arrange by cooperative agreements with local governments to serve as the single agency in the State where relocating or expanding businesses may obtain all required permits.

8. Promote close cooperation between public agencies and private persons who have an interest in industrial development and diversification in Nevada.

9. Organize and coordinate the activities of a group of volunteers which will aggressively select and recruit businesses and industries, especially small industries, to locate their offices and facilities in Nevada.

*10. As used in this section, “community development block grant” means a grant administered or made available by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 24 C.F.R. Part 570.*

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.