

SENATE BILL NO. 70—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Clarifies authority of Legislative Committee on Public Lands to review and comment on certain matters relating to public lands. (BDR 17-427)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 public lands; clarifying the authority of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to review and comment on certain matters relating to public lands; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law establishes the powers and duties of the Legislative Committee on
- 2 Public Lands. (NRS 218.5367)
- 3 This bill authorizes the Committee to review and comment on any matter
- 4 relating to the preservation, conservation, use, management or disposal of public
- 5 lands, which the Chairman of the Committee or a majority of the members of the
- 6 Committee considers appropriate.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 218.5367 is hereby amended to read as
- 2 follows:
- 3 218.5367 1. The Committee may:
- 4 (a) Review and comment on any administrative policy, rule or
- 5 regulation of the:



(1) Secretary of the Interior which pertains to policy concerning or management of public lands under the control of the Federal Government; and

(2) Secretary of Agriculture which pertains to policy concerning or management of national forests;

(b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its review, including, but not limited to, investigating the effect on the State, its citizens, political subdivisions, businesses and industries of those policies, rules, regulations and related laws;

(c) Consult with and advise the State Land Use Planning Agency on matters concerning federal land use, policies and activities in this State;

(d) Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its research, investigations, review and comment;

(e) Recommend to the Legislature as a result of its review any appropriate state legislation or corrective federal legislation;

(f) Advise the Attorney General if it believes that any federal policy, rule or regulation which it has reviewed encroaches on the sovereignty respecting land or water or their use which has been reserved to the State pursuant to the Constitution of the United States;

(g) Enter into a contract for consulting services for land planning and any other related activities, including, but not limited to:

(1) Advising the Committee and the State Land Use Planning Agency concerning the revision of the plans pursuant to NRS 321.7355;

(2) Assisting local governments in the identification of lands administered by the Federal Government in this State which are needed for residential or economic development or any other purpose; and

(3) Assisting local governments in the acquisition of federal lands in this State; ~~and~~

(h) Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations to ~~aid~~ assist the committee in carrying out its duties ~~;~~ ;
and

(i) Review and comment on any other matter relating to the preservation, conservation, use, management or disposal of public lands deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Committee or by a majority of the members of the Committee.

2. Any reference in this section to federal policies, rules, regulations and related federal laws includes those which are proposed as well as those which are enacted or adopted.



1 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



