

SENATE BILL NO. 267—COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S  
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE USE, MANAGEMENT,  
AND ALLOCATION OF WATER RESOURCES)

MARCH 13, 2007

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises the powers and duties of the Legislative  
Committee on Public Lands. (BDR 17-205)

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

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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 the Legislative Committee on Public Lands;  
revising the duties of the Committee; authorizing the  
Committee to review and comment on issues relating to  
water resources in this State; and providing other matters  
properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law establishes the duties of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands. Certain duties of the Committee, including reviewing the programs and activities of: (1) the Colorado River Commission of Nevada; (2) all public water authorities, districts and systems in this State; and (3) all other public or private entities who have agreements with counties concerning the planning, development or distribution of water resources, expire by limitation on June 30, 2007. (NRS 218.5368)

**Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Committee to engage in various activities relating to water resources, including, without limitation, studying and commenting on laws, regulations and policies regulating the use, allocation and management of water resources in Nevada. **Section 2** of this bill removes the provision that requires certain duties of the Committee to expire by limitation on June 30, 2007.



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

**Section 1.** NRS 218.5368 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218.5368 **1.** The Committee shall:

~~{1-}~~ **(a)** Actively support the efforts of state and local governments in the western states regarding public lands and state sovereignty as impaired by federal ownership of land.

~~{2-}~~ **(b)** Advance knowledge and understanding in local, regional and national forums of Nevada's unique situation with respect to public lands.

~~{3-}~~ **(c)** Support legislation that will enhance state and local roles in the management of public lands and will increase the disposal of public lands.

~~{4- Review}~~

**2. The Committee:**

**(a) Shall review** the programs and activities of:

~~{(a)}~~ **(1)** The Colorado River Commission of Nevada;

~~{(b)}~~ **(2)** All public water authorities, districts and systems in the State of Nevada, including, without limitation, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Virgin Valley Water District, the Carson Water Subconservancy District, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and

~~{(c)}~~ **(3)** All other public or private entities with which any county in the State has an agreement regarding the planning, development or distribution of water resources, or any combination thereof ~~+~~

~~—5. On;~~

**(b) Shall, on** or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a report concerning the review conducted pursuant to ~~{subsection 4-}~~ **paragraph (a); and**

**(c) May review and comment on other issues relating to water resources in this State, including, without limitation:**

**(1) The laws, regulations and policies regulating the use, allocation and management of water in this State; and**

**(2) The status of existing information and studies relating to water use, surface water resources and groundwater resources in this State.**

**Sec. 2.** Section 11 of chapter 408, Statutes of Nevada 2003, at page 2507, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. ~~{1-}~~ This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.



- 1 ~~[2.—The amendatory provisions of section 9 of this act~~  
2 ~~expire by limitation on June 30, 2007.]~~  
3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on June 29, 2007.

