

SENATE BILL NO. 352—SENATOR HORSFORD

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Advisory Board to develop a project to make certain improvements to infrastructure in and near the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community. (BDR S-1315)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 11)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 Southern Nevada Enterprise Community; requiring the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Advisory Board to develop a project to make certain improvements to infrastructure in and near the Community; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 This bill enacts the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community Infrastructure
- 2 Improvement Act and requires the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community
- 3 Advisory Board to develop a project to make certain improvements to infrastructure
- 4 in and near the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community.

- 1 WHEREAS, On December 21, 1994, President William Jefferson
- 2 Clinton designated nine census tracts in the urban core of the Las
- 3 Vegas Valley as an “enterprise community”; and

- 4 WHEREAS, The designation was accompanied by an award of
- 5 \$2,950,000 in Title XX funds to be used for projects in the
- 6 enterprise community; and



1 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Enterprise Community so
2 created includes the target areas of West Las Vegas, East Las Vegas,
3 Meadows Village and North Las Vegas; and

4 WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Enterprise Community
5 involves a partnership among the cities of Las Vegas and North Las
6 Vegas, and Clark County, working together to harness resources
7 from the public, private and nonprofit sectors to provide programs,
8 services and facilities to the target areas; and

9 WHEREAS, The empowerment of persons and neighborhoods
10 within the Southern Nevada Enterprise Community includes “weed
11 and seed” strategies to “weed” out violence, gangs, drug trafficking
12 and drug-related crime, and to “seed” neighborhoods with social
13 services and economic revitalization; and

14 WHEREAS, Efforts to revitalize neighborhoods economically, to
15 be successful, require a certain minimum level of “infrastructure” in
16 the form of the basic facilities, services and installations needed for
17 the proper functioning of a community; now, therefore,

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19 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
20 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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22 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the Southern Nevada
23 Enterprise Community Infrastructure Improvement Act.

24 **Sec. 2.** As used in sections 1 to 13, inclusive, of this act,
25 unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined
26 in sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed
27 to them in those sections.

28 **Sec. 3.** “Advisory Board” means the Southern Nevada
29 Enterprise Community Advisory Board created pursuant to section 8
30 of this act.

31 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

32 **Sec. 5.** “Community” means the Southern Nevada Enterprise
33 Community, nine census tracts designated by President William
34 Jefferson Clinton on December 21, 1994.

35 **Sec. 6.** “Infrastructure” means publicly owned or publicly
36 supported facilities that are necessary or desirable to support intense
37 habitation within a region, including, without limitation, parks,
38 roads, schools, libraries, community centers, police and fire
39 protection, sanitary sewers, facilities for mass transit and facilities
40 for the conveyance of water and the treatment of wastewater.

41 **Sec. 7.** “Project” means the Southern Nevada Enterprise
42 Community Improvement Project developed pursuant to section 11
43 of this act.

44 **Sec. 8.** 1. The Southern Nevada Enterprise Community
45 Advisory Board is hereby created.



2. The Advisory Board consists of nine members, appointed in consultation with residents of the Community, as follows:

(a) One member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation selected from among its membership or his designee;

(b) One member of the Nevada Legislature who represents the Community or his designee;

(c) One member of the Clark County Board of County Commissioners selected from among its membership or his designee;

(d) One member of the Las Vegas City Council from among its membership or his designee;

(e) One member of the North Las Vegas City Council from among its membership or his designee;

(f) Two residents of the Community, recommended and selected jointly by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners, the Las Vegas City Council and the North Las Vegas City Council;

(g) A representative of the private sector appointed by the Chamber of Commerce established in the Community; and

(h) A representative of the nonprofit charitable, educational and religious organizations in the Community, recommended and selected jointly by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners, the Las Vegas City Council and the North Las Vegas City Council.

3. Each member of the Advisory Board serves for a term of 3 years. A vacancy on the Advisory Board must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member may be reappointed to the Advisory Board.

4. The members of the Advisory Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman by majority vote. After the initial election, the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall hold office for a term of 1 year beginning on August 1 of each year. If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, the members of the Advisory Board shall elect a Chairman or Vice Chairman, as appropriate, from among its members for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. The City of North Las Vegas shall provide administrative support for the Advisory Board.

Sec. 9. The primary purposes of the Advisory Board are to:

1. Advise the governmental entities that have members on the Advisory Board with respect to the Project; and

2. Ensure that the needs and opinions of the residents of the Community are reflected adequately by the Project.

Sec. 10. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11. 1. On or before January 31, 2008, the Advisory Board shall prepare a written plan to carry out the Project to address the needs and issues of the Community.



2. The Advisory Board shall, within 120 days after preparing the written plan:

(a) Hold at least two public hearings on the written plan, each of which must be preceded by at least 30 days' notice within the Community; and

(b) Approve or reject the written plan based on input from the Community received at the public hearings.

3. A written plan adopted by the Advisory Board must:

(a) Set forth an adequate framework for carrying out the Project;

(b) Set forth a reasonable period in which to accomplish the goals of the Project; and

(c) Incorporate each of the required elements of the Project, as set forth in section 12 of this act.

4. If the Advisory Board rejects the written plan, the Advisory Board shall:

(a) Provide to the appropriate officers of the governmental entities that have members on the Advisory Board a written explanation of its reasons for the rejection; and

(b) Prepare a revised written plan and repeat the notice and hearings required by subsection 2 before approving or rejecting the revised written plan.

Sec. 12. The Project must include, without limitation, goals, objectives and policies relating to, and feasible timeframes for achieving:

1. The construction, repair and refurbishment of streets, buildings and other facilities as necessary to attract and maintain the viability of successful businesses within the Community;

2. The incorporation within the Community of open space, facilities for recreation, facilities for medical care and other measures as necessary to ensure that the Community develops with mixed uses;

3. The eradication of brownfields, the rehabilitation of condemned properties and the removal of structures and facilities that create a disincentive for development; and

4. The identification of sources of money to carry out the Project.

Sec. 13. The Advisory Board may accept any gifts, grants or donations for the purpose of preparing, developing and carrying out the Project.

Sec. 14. On or before February 1, 2009, the Advisory Board shall submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature a report that summarizes the activities of the Advisory Board during the period between the effective date of this act and December 31, 2008.



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- 1 **Sec. 15.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
- 2 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
- 3 provisions of this act.
- 4 **Sec. 16.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
- 5 approval.

