

SENATE BILL NO. 239—SENATORS HORSFORD, WOODHOUSE, CARE,
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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Provides for greater coordination of Nevada's
economic development and workforce development
goals. (BDR 18-1080)

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 state departments; providing for greater
coordination of Nevada's economic development and
workforce development goals; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill requires the Governor's Workforce Investment Board to
- 2 establish industry sector councils to identify job training and education programs to
- 3 best meet regional economic development goals. **Section 1** also requires the Board
- 4 to identify and seek federal funding to provide grants to fund those job training and
- 5 education programs.



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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Governor's Workforce Investment Board shall:

(a) Identify:

(1) Industry sectors which are essential to this State; and

(2) The region or regions of this State where the majority of the operations of each of those industry sectors is conducted; and

(b) Establish:

(1) Regional goals for economic development for each of the industry sectors identified pursuant to paragraph (a); and

(2) A council for each industry sector.

2. Each industry sector council established pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1:

(a) Must be composed of representatives from:

(1) Employers within that industry;

(2) Organized labor within that industry; and

(3) Universities and community colleges.

(b) Shall, within the parameters set forth in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 or the parameters of any other program for which the federal funding is available, identify job training and education programs which the industry sector council determines to have the greatest likelihood of meeting the regional goals for economic development established for that industry sector pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. The Board shall:

(a) Identify and apply for federal funding available for the job training and education programs identified pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2;

(b) Consider and approve or disapprove applications for money;

(c) Provide and administer grants of money to industry sector councils for the purpose of establishing job training and education programs in industry sectors for which regional goals for economic development have been established pursuant to subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1; and

(d) Adopt regulations establishing:

(1) Guidelines for the submission and review of applications to receive grants of money from the Department; and

(2) Criteria and standards for the eligibility for and use of any grants made pursuant to paragraph (c).



1 **4. As used in this section, “industry sector” means a group of**
2 **employers closely linked by common products or services,**
3 **workforce needs, similar technologies, supply chains or other**
4 **economic links.**

5 **Sec. 2.** NRS 232.900 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 232.900 As used in NRS 232.900 to 232.960, inclusive, **and**
7 **section 1 of this act,** unless the context otherwise requires:

8 1. “Department” means the Department of Employment,
9 Training and Rehabilitation.

10 2. “Director” means the Director of the Department.

11 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

