

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 451—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION)

MARCH 22, 2011

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Repeals obsolete provisions regarding the Advisory
Council on the Metric System. (BDR 51-82)

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 the Advisory Council on the Metric System;
repealing obsolete provisions regarding the Advisory
Council on the Metric System; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 Existing law provides for the creation of the Advisory Council on the Metric
2 System, including the organization, funding and powers and duties. (NRS 581.500-
3 581.540) The Advisory Council was created in 1981 in response to the Federal
4 Government's support for adoption of the metric system in the United States. Since
5 that time, the Advisory Council has ceased to exist. The Research Director and the
6 Legislative Counsel have, pursuant to NRS 220.085, recommended the elimination
7 of the obsolete provisions regarding the Advisory Council on the Metric System.
8 This bill repeals all of the provisions relating to the Advisory Council.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 581.500, 581.510, 581.520, 581.530 and
2 581.540 are hereby repealed.
3 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



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TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

581.500 Creation; number, appointment and qualifications of members.

1. The Advisory Council on the Metric System, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor, is hereby created within the State Department of Agriculture.

2. The Governor shall appoint:

(a) One member from business.

(b) One member from the engineering profession.

(c) One member from a trade organization.

(d) One member from industry.

(e) One member from a labor organization.

(f) One member from the faculty of a university in the Nevada System of Higher Education.

(g) One member from the faculty of a public elementary or secondary school.

581.510 Meetings; quorum; officers.

1. The Council shall meet as its president deems necessary.

2. Four members of the Council constitute a quorum.

3. The members of the Council shall elect a President, a Vice President, an Executive Secretary and a Treasurer.

581.520 Metric System Trust Fund.

1. The Council may accept gifts or grants from any source, and expend money so received or otherwise available to it to contract with qualified persons or institutions for research in matters related to the conversion to the metric system of weights and measures.

2. There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Metric System Trust Fund. The Director of the State Department of Agriculture is responsible for the administration of the Trust Fund and shall deposit with the State Treasurer for credit to the Fund any money obtained by the Council pursuant to this section. Claims against the Fund must be approved by the Council and paid as other claims against the State are paid.

581.530 Duties. The Council shall:

1. Conduct appropriate research and investigations to determine the problems experienced by business, industry, science, engineering, education, labor, governmental agencies and the people of Nevada in a transition to the metric system.

2. Provide information on the metric system and on conversion to its use.



3. Recommend legislation and amendments to regulations of executive agencies to provide for an orderly transition to the metric system.

4. Cooperate with the United States Metric Board where appropriate.

5. Report to the Legislature and the Governor through the Director of the State Department of Agriculture during the month of January of each odd-numbered year on its activities and the progress toward conversion to the metric system of weights and measures.

6. Perform other duties necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 581.500 to 581.540, inclusive.

581.540 Representative of executive agency or political subdivision. Any executive agency or political subdivision of the State interested in assisting the Council shall appoint a representative to participate in the Council's activities as part of the representative's official duties.

