

SENATE BILL NO. 375—SENATORS CEGAVSKE;
AND SCHNEIDER

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes counties and cities to create renewable energy corridors. (BDR 20-18)

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 renewable energy corridors; authorizing the governing bodies of cities and counties to create renewable energy corridors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 1 of this bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to create one or more renewable energy corridors within the unincorporated areas of the county, to enter into one or more cooperative agreements with other local governments for the purpose of creating a regional renewable energy corridor and to offer certain incentives for participation in a renewable energy corridor.

Section 2 of this bill authorizes the governing body of a city to create one or more renewable energy corridors within the boundaries of the city, to enter into one or more cooperative agreements with other local governments for the purpose of creating a regional renewable energy corridor and to offer certain incentives for participation in a renewable energy corridor.

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

Section 1. Chapter 244 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A board of county commissioners may by ordinance create one or more renewable energy corridors within the unincorporated areas of the county.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a board of county commissioners may offer incentives for participation in a



1 *renewable energy corridor, including without limitation,*
2 *abatement or partial abatement of any taxes that the county may*
3 *lawfully impose, to any person or business located within the*
4 *renewable energy corridor.*

5 3. *If the board of county commissioners determines that a*
6 *person or business has been granted, or has an active application*
7 *for, an abatement or partial abatement of taxes pursuant to any*
8 *other provision of law, including, without limitation, NRS*
9 *274.310, 274.320, 274.330, 360.750, 701A.110 and 701A.300 to*
10 *701A.390, inclusive, the person or business may not be granted an*
11 *abatement or partial abatement of taxes pursuant to this section.*

12 4. *A person or business that is granted an abatement or*
13 *partial abatement of taxes pursuant to this section may not apply*
14 *for, or be granted, an abatement or partial abatement of taxes*
15 *pursuant to any other provision of law, including, without*
16 *limitation, NRS 274.310, 274.320, 274.330, 360.750, 701A.110 and*
17 *701A.300 to 701A.390, inclusive.*

18 5. *A board of county commissioners may enter into one or*
19 *more cooperative agreements with the governing body of any*
20 *incorporated city located within the county or the governing body*
21 *of any contiguous county for the purpose of creating a regional*
22 *renewable energy corridor. Any such cooperative agreement must*
23 *set forth the powers and duties of each participating city or county.*

24 6. *As used in this section, "renewable energy" means a*
25 *source of energy that occurs naturally or is regenerated naturally,*
26 *including, without limitation:*

- 27 (a) *Biomass;*
28 (b) *Fuel cells;*
29 (c) *Geothermal energy;*
30 (d) *Solar energy;*
31 (e) *Waterpower; and*
32 (f) *Wind.*

33 ➔ *The term does not include coal, natural gas, oil, propane or any*
34 *other fossil fuel, or nuclear energy.*

35 **Sec. 2.** *Chapter 268 of NRS is hereby amended by adding*
36 *thereto a new section to read as follows:*

37 1. *The governing body of a city may by ordinance create one*
38 *or more renewable energy corridors within the boundaries of the*
39 *city.*

40 2. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the*
41 *governing body of a city may offer incentives for participation in a*
42 *renewable energy corridor, including without limitation,*
43 *abatement or partial abatement of any taxes that the city may*
44 *lawfully impose, to any person or business located within the*
45 *renewable energy corridor.*



3. If the governing body of a city determines that a person or business has been granted, or has an active application for, an abatement or partial abatement of taxes pursuant to any other provision of law, including, without limitation, NRS 274.310, 274.320, 274.330, 360.750, 701A.110 and 701A.300 to 701A.390, inclusive, the person or business may not be granted an abatement or partial abatement of taxes pursuant to this section.

4. A person or business that is granted an abatement or partial abatement of taxes pursuant to this section may not apply for, or be granted, an abatement or partial abatement of taxes pursuant to any other provision of law, including, without limitation, NRS 274.310, 274.320, 274.330, 360.750, 701A.110 and 701A.300 to 701A.390, inclusive.

5. A governing body of a city may enter into one or more cooperative agreements with the board of county commissioners of the county in which the city is located or the governing body of any contiguous city for the purpose of creating a regional renewable energy corridor. Any such cooperative agreement must set forth the powers and duties of each participating city or county.

6. As used in this section, "renewable energy" means a source of energy that occurs naturally or is regenerated naturally, including, without limitation:

- (a) Biomass;
- (b) Fuel cells;
- (c) Geothermal energy;
- (d) Solar energy;
- (e) Waterpower; and
- (f) Wind.

↪ The term does not include coal, natural gas, oil, propane or any other fossil fuel, or nuclear energy.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

