

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 270—ASSEMBLYMEN NEAL; BUSTAMANTE
ADAMS, FLORES, FRIERSON, HORNE AND MUNFORD

MARCH 15, 2013

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR ATKINSON

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing minority affairs.
(BDR 18-130)

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 minority affairs; requiring the Interim Finance Committee, the Legislative Commission and state agencies to provide certain reports to the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs; requiring the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to provide investigative services to the Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities in certain circumstances; revising the duties of the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs, provides for the duties of the Commission and requires the Director of the Department of Administration to provide such staff assistance to the Commission as the Governor deems appropriate. (NRS 232.852, 232.860, 232.864) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Interim Finance Committee and the Legislative Commission to provide to the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs any report received by the Interim Finance Committee or the Legislative Commission, respectively, relating to minorities. **Section 1** also requires any state agency that prepares a report relating to the social and economic welfare of minorities to provide a copy of the report to the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs.

Section 2 of this bill revises the duties of the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs.



Existing law creates the Office of Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities within the Office of the Director of the Department of Business and Industry. (NRS 232.845) **Section 1.3** of this bill requires the Director, under certain circumstances, to provide the services of an investigator to the Ombudsman.

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 Interim Finance Committee and the Legislative Commission shall provide to the Commission a copy of any report received by the Interim Finance Committee or the Legislative Commission, respectively, relating to minorities.

2. Any agency of the State which prepares a report relating to the social and economic welfare of minorities shall provide a copy of the report to the Commission.

Sec. 1.3. NRS 232.845 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.845 1. The Office of Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities is hereby created within the Office of the Director. The Ombudsman shall:

(a) Provide for continued educational, outreach and service programs for minority groups pertaining to consumer fraud; and

(b) Assist the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs created by NRS 232.852.

2. The Director shall ~~appoint~~ :

(a) Appoint the Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities
~~+~~ *; and*

(b) If the position of investigator is created and filled within the Office of the Director, provide the services of the investigator to the Ombudsman as requested by the Ombudsman.

3. The Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities is:

(a) In the unclassified service of the State.

(b) Directly responsible to the Director.

Sec. 1.7. NRS 232.850 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.850 As used in NRS 232.850 to 232.866, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, "Commission" means the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs created by NRS 232.852.

Sec. 2. NRS 232.860 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.860 The Commission shall, within the limits of available money:

1. Study matters affecting the social and economic welfare and well-being of minorities residing in the State of Nevada;

2. Collect and disseminate information on :



1 *(a) Business activities, programs and essential services available*
2 *to minorities in the State of Nevada; and*

3 *(b) The procurement of goods and services by state and local*
4 *governments from businesses that are owned by minorities;*

5 3. *Collect information on the employment of minorities in the*
6 *State of Nevada and provide that information to agencies of the*
7 *State whose duties relate to training and employment;*

8 4. Study the:

9 (a) Availability of employment for minorities in this State, and
10 the manner in which minorities are employed;

11 (b) Manner in which minorities can be encouraged to start and
12 manage their own businesses successfully; and

13 (c) Availability of affordable housing for minorities;

14 ~~14-~~ 5. In cooperation with the Nevada Equal Rights
15 Commission, act as a liaison to inform persons regarding:

16 (a) The laws of this State that prohibit discriminatory practices;
17 and

18 (b) The procedures pursuant to which aggrieved persons may
19 file complaints or otherwise take action to remedy such
20 discriminatory practices;

21 ~~15-~~ 6. To the extent practicable, strive to create networks
22 within the business community between businesses that are owned
23 by minorities and businesses that are not owned by minorities;

24 ~~16-~~ 7. Advise the Governor on matters relating to minorities
25 and of concern to minorities; and

26 ~~17-~~ 8. Recommend proposed legislation to the Governor.

27 Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

28 Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

29 Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)

30 Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

