

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 50—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to local government finance. (BDR 22-253)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 local government finance; revising the termination date of certain redevelopment plans; requiring certain redevelopment agencies to make available to the public certain reports concerning proposed redevelopment projects; requiring certain redevelopment agencies to include additional information in certain annual reports; revising provisions governing the set aside and use of certain revenues from taxes imposed on property in a redevelopment area; eliminating the prohibition on certain local governments creating a tourism improvement district that includes any property within the boundaries of a redevelopment area; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law provides that a redevelopment plan adopted by a redevelopment
2 agency of a city or county before January 1, 1991, terminates at the end of the fiscal
3 year in which the later of the following events occurs: (1) the principal and interest
4 of the last maturing securities issued before that date concerning the redevelopment
5 area are fully paid; or (2) 45 years after the date on which the original
6 redevelopment plan was adopted. (NRS 279.438) **Section 1.5** of this bill extends
7 the deadline for that second event from 45 years to 60 years with respect to a
8 redevelopment plan adopted by the redevelopment agency of a city whose
9 population is 500,000 or more (currently the City of Las Vegas) if certain
10 requirements are met.



Under existing law, the redevelopment agency of a city or county, with the consent of the governing body of the city or county, is authorized, in certain circumstances, to pay all or part of the value of the land for and the cost of the construction of a building, facility, structure or other improvement to real property or installation of an improvement which is publicly or privately owned and is located within or without a redevelopment area for which the agency has adopted a redevelopment plan. (NRS 279.486) **Section 2** of this bill requires the redevelopment agency of a city whose population is 500,000 or more (currently the City of Las Vegas) to make available to the general public a detailed report concerning such a proposed expenditure for land or improvements by the agency at least 7 days before a meeting at which the governing body of the city is scheduled to consider the proposed expenditure.

Under existing law, a redevelopment agency that has adopted a redevelopment plan for a redevelopment area on or after July 1, 2011, is required to submit soon after the adoption of the plan one report to the Legislature and the governing body of the city or county, as applicable, containing certain initial information about the redevelopment area. Existing law also requires a redevelopment agency that has adopted a redevelopment plan for a redevelopment area at any time to submit to the Legislature and the governing body of the city or county, as applicable, an annual report containing information about the redevelopment area for the previous fiscal year. (NRS 279.6025) **Section 3** of this bill requires the redevelopment agency of a city whose population is 500,000 or more (currently the City of Las Vegas) to include certain additional information in the annual report.

Under existing law, a city whose population is 500,000 or more (currently the City of Las Vegas) is required to set aside 18 percent of the revenue received from taxes levied upon taxable property in a redevelopment area each year to increase, improve and preserve the number of: (1) dwelling units in the community for low-income households; and (2) educational facilities within the redevelopment area. **Section 3.5** of this bill instead requires that 18 percent of such revenues received on or after October 1, 2011, but before March 6, 2031, be set aside to: (1) increase, improve, preserve or enhance the operating viability of dwelling units in the community for low-income households; and (2) improve existing public educational facilities located within a redevelopment area or within 1 mile of a redevelopment area. **Section 3.5** requires that on or after March 6, 2031, 18 percent of such revenues be set aside and used to improve existing public educational facilities located within a redevelopment area or within 1 mile of a redevelopment area. **Section 1** of this bill prohibits a school district from using any money received pursuant to **section 3.5** to reduce or supplant the amount of any money which the school district would otherwise expend to improve such public educational facilities.

Section 5 of this bill eliminates the prohibition in existing law against a city or county creating a tourism improvement district after October 1, 2009, that includes within its boundaries any property included within the boundaries of a redevelopment area.

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

Section 1. Chapter 279 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

A school district shall not use any money received pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.685



1 *or paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.685 to reduce or*
2 *supplant the amount of any money which the school district would*
3 *otherwise expend for the purposes described in subparagraph (2)*
4 *of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.685 and paragraph*
5 *(c) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.685, respectively.*

6 **Sec. 1.5.** NRS 279.438 is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 279.438 1. A redevelopment plan adopted before January 1,
8 1991, and any amendments to the plan must terminate at the end of
9 the fiscal year in which the principal and interest of the last
10 maturing of the securities issued before that date concerning the
11 redevelopment area are fully paid or :

12 *(a) With respect to a redevelopment plan adopted by the*
13 *agency of a city whose population is 500,000 or more if*
14 *the requirements set forth in subsection 2 are met, 60 years after*
15 *the date on which the original redevelopment plan was adopted,*
16 *whichever is later.*

17 *(b) With respect to any other redevelopment plan, including a*
18 *redemption plan adopted by an agency of a city whose*
19 *population is 500,000 or more if the requirements set forth in*
20 *subsection 2 are not met, 45 years after the date on which the*
21 *original redevelopment plan was adopted, whichever is later.*

22 2. *A redevelopment plan adopted by an agency of a city whose*
23 *population is 500,000 or more may terminate on the date*
24 *prescribed by paragraph (a) of subsection 1 only if, on the date on*
25 *which the redevelopment plan would otherwise terminate pursuant*
26 *to paragraph (b) of subsection 1:*

27 *(a) The assessed value of each redevelopment project in the*
28 *redemption area is not less than the assessed value of the*
29 *redemption project in the year in which the redemption plan*
30 *was adopted;*

31 *(b) The assessed value of the redemption area is not less*
32 *than 75 percent of the assessed value of the redemption area in*
33 *the year in which the redemption plan was adopted; and*

34 *(c) The agency has \$100 million or more in total outstanding*
35 *indebtedness represented by bonds and other securities.*

36 **Sec. 2.** NRS 279.486 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 279.486 1. An agency may, with the consent of the
38 legislative body, pay all or part of the value of the land for and the
39 cost of the construction of any building, facility, structure or other
40 improvement and the installation of any improvement which is
41 publicly or privately owned and located within or without the
42 redevelopment area.

43 2. *Within 7 days before a meeting at which the legislative*
44 *body of a city whose population is 500,000 or more is scheduled to*
45 *consider an action proposed by the agency of the city pursuant to*



1 subsection 1, the agency shall make available to the public a
2 detailed report which includes, without limitation:

3 (a) A copy of any contract, memorandum of understanding or
4 other agreement between the agency or the legislative body and
5 any other person relating to the redevelopment project.

6 (b) A summary of the redevelopment project which includes,
7 without limitation:

8 (1) A full and complete description of:

9 (I) The costs of the redevelopment project, including,
10 without limitation, the costs of acquiring any real property,
11 clearance costs, relocation costs, the costs of any improvements
12 which will be paid by the agency and the amount of the anticipated
13 interest on any bonds issued or sold to finance the project.

14 (II) The estimated current value of the real property
15 interest to be conveyed or leased, determined at its highest and best
16 use permitted under the redevelopment plan.

17 (III) The estimated value of the real property interest to
18 be conveyed or leased, determined at the use and with the
19 conditions, covenants and restrictions, and development costs
20 required by the sale or lease, and the current purchase price or
21 present value of the lease payments which the lessee is required to
22 make during the term of the lease. If the sale price or present
23 value of the total rental amount to be paid to the agency or
24 legislative body is less than the fair market value of the real
25 property interest to be conveyed or leased, determined at the
26 highest and best use permitted under the redevelopment plan,
27 the agency shall provide an explanation of the reason for the
28 difference.

29 (2) An explanation of how the project will assist in the
30 elimination of blight, including, without limitation, reference to all
31 supporting facts and materials relied on in reaching the
32 conclusions presented in the explanation.

33 3. Before the legislative body may give its consent ~~H~~ to an
34 action proposed by the agency pursuant to subsection 1, it must
35 determine that:

36 (a) The buildings, facilities, structures or other improvements
37 are of benefit to the redevelopment area or the immediate
38 neighborhood in which the redevelopment area is located; and

39 (b) No other reasonable means of financing those buildings,
40 facilities, structures or other improvements are available.

41 ➔ Those determinations by the agency and the legislative body are
42 final and conclusive.

43 ~~H-1~~ 4. In reaching its determination that the buildings,
44 facilities, structures or other improvements are of benefit to the



1 redevelopment area or the immediate neighborhood in which the
2 redevelopment area is located, the legislative body shall consider:

3 (a) Whether the buildings, facilities, structures or other
4 improvements are likely to:

5 (1) Encourage the creation of new business or other
6 appropriate development;

7 (2) Create jobs or other business opportunities for nearby
8 residents;

9 (3) Increase local revenues from desirable sources;

10 (4) Increase levels of human activity in the redevelopment
11 area or the immediate neighborhood in which the redevelopment
12 area is located;

13 (5) Possess attributes that are unique, either as to type of use
14 or level of quality and design;

15 (6) Require for their construction, installation or operation
16 the use of qualified and trained labor; and

17 (7) Demonstrate greater social or financial benefits to the
18 community than would a similar set of buildings, facilities,
19 structures or other improvements not paid for by the agency.

20 (b) The opinions of persons who reside in the redevelopment
21 area or the immediate neighborhood in which the redevelopment
22 area is located.

23 (c) Comparisons between the level of spending proposed by the
24 agency and projections, made on a pro forma basis by the agency, of
25 future revenues attributable to the buildings, facilities, structures or
26 other improvements.

27 ~~13-1~~ 5. If the value of that land or the cost of the construction
28 of that building, facility, structure or other improvement, or the
29 installation of any improvement has been, or will be, paid or
30 provided for initially by the community or other governmental
31 entity, the agency may enter into a contract with that community or
32 governmental entity under which it agrees to reimburse the
33 community or governmental entity for all or part of the value of that
34 land or of the cost of the building, facility, structure or other
35 improvement, or both, by periodic payments over a period of years.
36 The obligation of the agency under that contract constitutes an
37 indebtedness of the agency which may be payable out of taxes
38 levied and allocated to the agency under paragraph (b) of subsection
39 1 of NRS 279.676, or out of any other available money.

40 **Sec. 3.** NRS 279.6025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

41 279.6025 1. In addition to the report required pursuant to the
42 provisions of subsection 2, for each redevelopment area for which a
43 redevelopment plan is adopted pursuant to the provisions of NRS
44 279.586 on or after July 1, 2011, the agency shall, on or before the
45 January 1 next after the adoption of the plan, submit to the Director



1 of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, for transmittal to the Legislature,
2 and to the legislative body a report on a form prescribed by the
3 Committee on Local Government Finance that includes, without
4 limitation, the following information for the redevelopment area:

5 (a) A legal description of the boundaries of the redevelopment
6 area;

7 (b) The date on which the redevelopment plan for the
8 redevelopment area was adopted;

9 (c) The scheduled termination date of the redevelopment plan;

10 (d) The total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in
11 the redevelopment area for:

12 (1) The fiscal year immediately preceding the adoption of the
13 redevelopment plan; and

14 (2) The fiscal year during which the redevelopment plan was
15 adopted, if such fiscal year ends before the reporting deadline;

16 (e) The combined overlapping tax rate of the redevelopment
17 area;

18 (f) The property tax rate of the redevelopment area;

19 (g) The property tax revenue expected to be received from any
20 tax increment area, as defined in NRS 278C.130, within the
21 redevelopment area during the first fiscal year that the agency will
22 receive an allocation pursuant to the provisions of NRS 279.676;

23 (h) Copies of any memoranda of understanding into which the
24 agency enters during the fiscal year in which the redevelopment
25 plan was adopted; and

26 (i) The amortization schedule for any debt incurred for the
27 redevelopment area and the reasons for incurring the debt.

28 2. On or before January 1 of each year, for each redevelopment
29 area for which a redevelopment plan has been adopted pursuant to
30 the provisions of NRS 279.586, the agency shall submit to the
31 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, for transmittal to the
32 Legislature, and to the legislative body a report on a form prescribed
33 by the Committee on Local Government Finance that includes,
34 without limitation, the following information for the redevelopment
35 area for the previous fiscal year:

36 (a) The property tax revenue received from any tax increment
37 area, as defined in NRS 278C.130, within the redevelopment area;

38 (b) The combined overlapping tax rate of the redevelopment
39 area;

40 (c) The property tax rate of the redevelopment area;

41 (d) The total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in
42 the redevelopment area;

43 (e) If the amount reported pursuant to the provisions of
44 paragraph (d) is less than the total sum of the assessed value of the



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1 taxable property in the redevelopment area for any other previous
2 fiscal year, an explanation of the reason for the difference;

3 (f) Copies of any memoranda of understanding into which the
4 agency enters;

5 (g) The amortization schedule for any debt incurred for the
6 redevelopment area and the reasons for incurring the debt; and

7 (h) Any change to the boundary of the redevelopment area and
8 an explanation of the reason for the change.

9 3. *In addition to the information required pursuant to the*
10 *provisions of subsection 2, an agency of a city whose population is*
11 *500,000 or more shall include in the report submitted pursuant to*
12 *subsection 2 the following information for the redevelopment area*
13 *for the previous fiscal year:*

14 (a) *A statement of all revenues and expenditures of the agency.*

15 (b) *A statement of efforts by the agency to promote the goals of*
16 *the regional development authority, as defined in NRS 231.009,*
17 *including, without limitation, an explanation of the extent to*
18 *which the activities of the agency have promoted private*
19 *investment, the formation of businesses and the creation of jobs.*

20 4. Any report for a redevelopment area submitted pursuant to
21 the provisions of subsection 1 must be submitted with the report for
22 the redevelopment area submitted pursuant to the provisions of
23 subsection 2.

24 **Sec. 3.5.** NRS 279.685 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 279.685 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, an
26 agency of a city whose population is 500,000 or more that receives
27 revenue from taxes pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of
28 NRS 279.676 shall set aside not less than:

29 (a) Fifteen percent of that revenue received on or before
30 October 1, 1999, and 18 percent of that revenue received after
31 October 1, 1999, but before October 1, 2011, to increase, improve
32 and preserve the number of dwelling units in the community for
33 low-income households; ~~and~~

34 (b) Eighteen percent of that revenue received on or after
35 October 1, 2011, *but before March 6, 2031, to increase, :*

36 (1) *Increase, improve, and preserve the number of:*
37 ~~(1) Dwelling~~ *or enhance the operating viability of dwelling*
38 *units in the community for low-income households; and*

39 (2) ~~Educational~~ *Improve existing public educational*
40 *facilities located within the a redevelopment area or within 1*
41 *mile of a redevelopment area; and*

42 (c) *Eighteen percent of that revenue received on or after*
43 *March 6, 2031, to improve existing public educational facilities*
44 *described in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b).*



1 ➤ *For each fiscal year, the agency shall prepare a written report*
2 *concerning the amount of money expended for the purposes set*
3 *forth in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) or paragraph (c), as*
4 *applicable, and shall, on or before November 30 of each year,*
5 *submit a copy of the report to the Director of the Legislative*
6 *Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislative Commission, if*
7 *the report is received during an odd-numbered year, or to the next*
8 *session of the Legislature, if the report is received during an even-*
9 *numbered year.*

10 2. The obligation of an agency to set aside not less than 15
11 percent of the revenue from taxes allocated to and received by the
12 agency pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.676 is
13 subordinate to any existing obligations of the agency. As used in
14 this subsection, "existing obligations" means the principal and
15 interest, when due, on any bonds, notes or other indebtedness
16 whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise incurred by the
17 agency before July 1, 1993, to finance or refinance in whole or in
18 part, the redevelopment of a redevelopment area. For the purposes
19 of this subsection, obligations incurred by an agency after July 1,
20 1993, shall be deemed existing obligations if the net proceeds are
21 used to refinance existing obligations of the agency.

22 3. The obligation of an agency to set aside an additional 3
23 percent of the revenue from taxes allocated to and received by the
24 agency pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 279.676 is
25 subordinate to any existing obligations of the agency. As used in
26 this subsection, "existing obligations" means the principal and
27 interest, when due, on any bonds, notes or other indebtedness
28 whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise incurred by the
29 agency before October 1, 1999, to finance or refinance in whole or
30 in part, the redevelopment of a redevelopment area. For the
31 purposes of this subsection, obligations incurred by an agency after
32 October 1, 1999, shall be deemed existing obligations if the net
33 proceeds are used to refinance existing obligations of the agency.

34 4. From the revenue set aside by an agency pursuant to
35 paragraph (b) of subsection 1, not more than 50 percent of that
36 amount may be used to:

37 (a) Increase, improve, ~~and~~ preserve ~~the number~~ *or enhance*
38 *the operating viability* of dwelling units in the community for low-
39 income households; or

40 (b) ~~Increase, improve and preserve the number of~~ *Improve*
41 *existing public* educational facilities *located* within ~~the~~ *a*
42 *redevelopment area* ~~or within 1 mile of a redevelopment area,~~

43 ➤ unless the agency establishes that such an amount is insufficient
44 to pay the cost of a project identified in the redevelopment plan for
45 the redevelopment area.



5. Except as otherwise provided in ~~paragraph~~ *paragraphs* (b) *and (c)* of subsection 1 and subsection 4, the agency may expend or otherwise commit money for the purposes of subsection 1 outside the boundaries of the redevelopment area.

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. NRS 271A.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

271A.070 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and NRS 271A.080, the governing body of a municipality may:

(a) Create a tourism improvement district for the purposes of carrying out this chapter and revise the boundaries of the district by adopting an ordinance describing the boundaries of the district and generally describing the types of projects which may be financed within the district pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Without any election, acquire, improve, equip, operate and maintain a project within a district created pursuant to paragraph (a). The project may be owned by the municipality, another governmental entity, any other person, or any combination thereof.

(c) For the purposes of carrying out paragraph (b), include in an ordinance adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) the pledge of a single percentage specified in the ordinance, which must not exceed 75 percent, of:

(1) An amount equal to the proceeds of the taxes imposed pursuant to NRS 372.105 and 372.185 with regard to tangible personal property sold at retail, or stored, used or otherwise consumed, in the district during a fiscal year, after the deduction of a sum equal to 1.75 percent of the amount of those proceeds;

(2) The amount of the proceeds of the taxes imposed pursuant to NRS 374.110 and 374.190 with regard to tangible personal property sold at retail, or stored, used or otherwise consumed, in the district during a fiscal year, after the deduction of 0.75 percent of the amount of those proceeds; and

(3) The amount of the proceeds of the tax imposed pursuant to NRS 377.030 with regard to tangible personal property sold at retail, or stored, used or otherwise consumed, in the improvement district during a fiscal year, after the deduction of 1.75 percent of the amount of those proceeds.

2. A district created pursuant to this section by:

(a) A city must be located entirely within the boundaries of that city.

(b) A county must be located entirely within the boundaries of that county and, when the district is created, entirely outside of the boundaries of any city.

3. If any property within the boundaries of a district is also included within the boundaries of any other tourism improvement district or any improvement district for which any money has been



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pledged pursuant to NRS 271.650, the total amount of money pledged pursuant to this section and NRS 271.650 with respect to such property by all such districts must not exceed the amount authorized pursuant to this section.

4. ~~{The}~~ *If the* governing body of a municipality ~~{shall not, after October 1, 2009, create}~~ *creates* a tourism improvement district that includes within its boundaries any property included within the boundaries of a redevelopment area established pursuant to chapter 279 of NRS ~~H~~, *the governing body and an agency:*

(a) May provide financing or reimbursement related to a project or redevelopment project pursuant to the provisions of NRS 271A.120 or 279.610 to 279.685, inclusive, whichever is applicable.

(b) Shall not provide such financing or reimbursement related to the project or redevelopment project pursuant to the provisions of both NRS 271A.120 and 279.610 to 279.685, inclusive.

5. *As used in this section:*

(a) "Agency" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 279.386.

(b) "Redevelopment project" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 279.412.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

