

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Seventy-Seventh Session
March 19, 2013**

The Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development was called to order by Chair Ruben J. Kihuen at 1:38 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Ruben J. Kihuen, Chair
Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair
Senator Moises (Mo) Denis
Senator Debbie Smith
Senator Ben Kieckhefer
Senator Michael Roberson
Senator Greg Brower

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Mark Hutchison, Senatorial District No. 6

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Reel, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mike Wiley, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steven D. Hill, Director, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Governor.
Terry Care, NAIOP Southern Nevada Chapter
George Ross, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce
Tammi Davis, Treasurer, Washoe County
Alvin P. Kramer, Treasurer, Carson City

Chair Kihuen:

I will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 209.

SENATE BILL 209: Requires the Board of Economic Development to develop and carry out a recruiting and marketing effort to attract professionals and businesses to this State. (BDR 18-854)

Senator Mark Hutchison (Senatorial District No. 6):

Senate Bill 209 requires the Board of Economic Development to make recommendations to the Executive Director in the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The purpose is to develop and carry out a recruiting and marketing effort to attract professionals and businesses to the State. Economic development is competitive among states trying to attract high quality companies and workers. Texas has made a strong push to attract companies from other regions. The Governor of Texas went to California to meet with business leaders in high- and biotechnology, and the financial, insurance and film industries.

The business trip followed a weeklong radio ad buy promoting Texas job creation in major cities throughout California targeting business and industry. To keep Nevada competitive, S.B. 209 directs the Board of Economic Development to make recommendations to centralize a coordinated market and recruiting effort to attract new business to the State.

Chair Kihuen:

Does the Committee have any questions?

Senator Roberson:

I want to commend Senator Hutchison for this excellent piece of legislation.

Senator Hutchison:

There is a fiscal note ([Exhibit C](#)). We would like to make a minor modification in which the Board will "make recommendations" as opposed to "developing" the process of recruiting.

Steven D. Hill (Director, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Governor):

As the language is written, there was a requirement to perform activities that may be mutually exclusive to other marketing activities. If the language change

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is made to allow the Board to make recommendations to our Office, there should not be a fiscal note on the bill.

Terry Care (NAIOP Southern Nevada Chapter):

We strongly support S.B. 209.

George Ross (Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce):

We support S.B. 209. We appreciate trying to recruit professionals.

Chair Kihuen:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 209 and open the hearing on S.B. 216.

SENATE BILL 216: Revises certain procedures for the billing and collection of property taxes. (BDR 32-560)

Senator David R. Parks (Senatorial District No. 7):

This bill is the Association of County Treasurers of Nevada biennial bill, which deals with updating chapters of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* relating to property taxes and the receiving of tax bills.

Tammi Davis (Treasurer, Washoe County):

I will cover section 1 of S.B. 216. It is legislation that would enable county treasurers to provide tax bills in an electronic format versus mailing paper bills. This can be done at the discretion of the treasurer, so the counties without the capabilities would not be required to participate. The electronic bill would come at the request of the property owner or mortgage holder.

Alvin P. Kramer (Treasurer, Carson City):

The next two provisions of S.B. 216 would clarify the way we do advertising in front of a tax sale. As it is now, we advertise by a publication notice for 20 days. If the county only has a weekly newspaper, it is advertised once a week for 4 weeks. We want it to say once a week for 4 weeks. This would make it the same throughout the State.

The third provision is that when you advertise a property for sale at a tax sale, it has to go to tax sale. The only way that can be prevented is for the person to declare bankruptcy or if a district court judge tells us to stop the sale and take the tax payment. The change would allow the property tax and any costs to be

paid 3 days before the tax sale and satisfy the deficiency, and then the property would not go to tax sale.

Senator Kieckhefer:

If a property owner is delinquent on the taxes, the treasurer takes over the deed of trust?

Mr. Kramer:

We take a trustee title to the property and request permission from the county commissioners to go forward to a sale. We ask a title company to identify those who are interested in the property and then mail interested parties certified letters giving 60 or 90 days depending on whether the county is going to take the property or go to a sale. After the 90 days are up, we advertise the property for sale at an auction.

Senator Kieckhefer:

It allows the property owner to recover the property by paying all the taxes and fees.

Mr. Kramer:

That is correct.

Senator Denis:

Section 1, mentions the word electronic; does that mean owners or mortgage holders can receive the tax bills electronically?

Ms. Davis:

That is correct.

Senator Denis:

At this time they cannot do it?

Ms. Davis:

The law is not clear that electronic mail would meet our requirements for mailing a tax bill.

Senator Denis:

Do they have the ability to pay electronically?

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Ms. Davis:

In most counties, payments can be made electronically; it varies by county.

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Chair Kihuen:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 216. With no further business to come before the Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development, the meeting is adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mike Wiley,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Ruben J. Kihuen, Chair

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>				
Bill	Exhibit		Witness / Agency	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	1		Attendance Roster
S.B. 209	C	1	Governor's Office of Economic Development	Fiscal note