

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS

MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the requirements and costs of operating a business in this State. (BDR R-1152)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the requirements and costs of operating a business in this State.

1 WHEREAS, In a 2016 survey published by the Consumer News
2 and Business Channel that ranks America's top states for business,
3 Nevada ranked 40th overall and 22nd for the cost of doing business;
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5 WHEREAS, To rank the cost of doing business, the survey
6 compared each state's tax climate, state-sponsored incentives to
7 lower the cost of doing business, the cost of utilities, wages and the
8 rental costs for office and industrial space; and

9 WHEREAS, In the 2016 rankings of the best states for business in
10 the United States published by *Forbes Magazine*, Nevada ranked
11 32nd overall and 20th for the cost of doing business; and

12 WHEREAS, To rank the best states for business, the magazine
13 compared metrics from several sources measuring six categories,
14 including costs, labor supply, regulatory environment, economic
15 climate, growth prospects and quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, Based upon the rankings and publications, there is a
17 need for a review of the requirements and costs of operating a
18 business in this State; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
20 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
21 directed to appoint an interim committee composed of eight
22 members, with two members appointed by the Majority Leader of



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1 the Senate, two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the
2 Senate, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and
3 two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly,
4 one of whom must be appointed as chair of the interim committee,
5 to conduct an interim study of the requirements and costs of
6 operating a business in this State; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the interim committee shall study, without
8 limitation:

9 1. Any factors that contributed to the rank of this State when
10 compared to the best states in which to conduct business in the
11 United States;

12 2. Any factors that may influence a business to move to or
13 remain in this State, as evidenced by the laws, regulations and
14 programs related to, without limitation, business tax structure,
15 business incentives, costs, labor supply, growth and quality of life in
16 those states that received the highest rankings;

17 3. The manner in which this State may improve its business
18 environment and future rankings on those lists by modifying or
19 eliminating requirements or costs of doing business in this State;
20 and

21 4. Any other matter that the interim committee determines is
22 relevant to the study; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
24 interim committee must be approved by a majority of the members
25 of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate
26 appointed to the interim committee; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
28 report of the findings of the interim committee, including, without
29 limitation, any recommendations for legislation, to the 80th Session
30 of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
32 passage.

