

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 240—ASSEMBLYMEN DALY, SPRINKLE,
PETERS, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, KRAMER; KRASNER AND
TOLLES

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RATTI AND KIECKHEFER

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires certain counties to meet jointly and prepare reports addressing the orderly management of growth in their region. (BDR S-1043)

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 regional planning; requiring representatives from certain counties to meet jointly for a specified period to identify issues and make recommendations regarding the orderly management of growth in their region; requiring such counties to prepare certain reports individually and jointly during that period; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

This bill requires Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County to each prepare a report at the end of each calendar year between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022, that identifies issues relating to and makes recommendations regarding the orderly management of growth in those counties and the region that those counties comprise. This bill authorizes each such county to consult with and solicit input from other entities in the county in preparing the annual report. This bill also requires certain representatives of these counties to: (1) meet jointly at least twice in each calendar year during the period between January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, to identify and discuss issues relating to the orderly management of growth in the region, including issues identified in the counties' annual reports; and (2) prepare annual joint reports relating to those meetings for submission to the Legislative Commission. This bill requires the final annual joint report to comprehensively address all the issues identified and recommendations made by the counties during the period between



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15 January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, relating to the orderly management of
16 growth in the region.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

2 (a) The region of Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County,
3 Storey County and Washoe County is a unique, contiguous
4 geographical area that comprises the northwestern border of
5 Nevada.

6 (b) As part of the fastest-growing state in the nation, the
7 population of this region has increased rapidly in recent years,
8 especially as a result of the location of substantial economic
9 development projects in the region.

10 (c) This increased population and economic development
11 activity has a significant impact on resources beyond individual
12 county boundaries, affecting the region in such areas as
13 transportation, land use development and public services and
14 facilities.

15 (d) Because of the unique conditions in the region, a general law
16 cannot be made applicable and necessitates this special act to
17 require discussion and planning for the orderly management of
18 growth in the region in a collaborative and structured manner by the
19 counties in the region for the well-being of the residents as well as
20 the long-term economic development of the region.

21 2. On or before December 31 of each calendar year during the
22 period between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022, each county
23 in the region shall prepare a separate report that:

24 (a) Identifies issues relating to the orderly management of
25 growth in the county and the region, including, without limitation,
26 issues in the following areas:

27 (1) Conservation, including, without limitation, the use and
28 protection of natural resources;

29 (2) Population, including, without limitation, projected
30 population growth and the projected resources necessary to support
31 that population;

32 (3) Land use and development, including, without limitation,
33 mixed-use development, transit-oriented development, master-
34 planned communities and gaming enterprise districts;

35 (4) Transportation; and

36 (5) Public facilities and services, including, without
37 limitation, roads, water and sewer service, flood control, police and
38 fire protection, mass transit, libraries and parks.

39 (b) Makes recommendations regarding those issues.



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3. In preparing the report required by subsection 2, each county may consult with and solicit input concerning issues relating to the orderly management of growth in the county or region from other entities in the county, including, without limitation, the school district and any city, town, airport authority, regional transportation commission, planning commission, water authority, military base, flood control agency, public safety agency or Indian colony or tribe in the county.

4. During the period between January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, the county manager of each county in the region or his or her designee, or if a county manager is not appointed pursuant to NRS 244.125, a person designated by the board of county commissioners of the county, shall meet jointly at least twice during each calendar year in that period to identify and discuss issues relating to the orderly management of growth in the region, including, without limitation, the issues identified and recommendations made in the reports prepared pursuant to subsection 2.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on or before December 1 of each calendar year during the period between January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, the counties in the region shall prepare a joint report of the issues identified during the meetings held pursuant to subsection 4 during that calendar year and any recommendations made relating to those issues and submit the report to the Legislative Commission. The joint report that must be submitted on or before December 1, 2023, must address comprehensively all the issues identified and recommendations made by the counties during the period between January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, relating to the orderly management of growth in the region.

6. As used in this section, "region" means the combined geographical area consisting of Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019, and expires by limitation on December 31, 2023.

