

Assembly Bill No. 240—Assemblymen Daly, Peters,
Benitez-Thompson, Kramer; Krasner and Tolles

Joint Sponsors: Senators Ratti and Kieckhefer

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AN ACT relating to regional planning; requiring representatives from certain counties and cities 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, in consultation with such cities, 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, in consultation with any cities within each such county, to each prepare a report for submission to each Legislator who represents any portion of the county 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, including cities within those counties, and the region that those counties comprise. This bill authorizes each such county and city 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 and cities 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 annual reports; and (2) prepare annual joint reports relating to those meetings for submission to each Legislator who represents any portion of such a county and 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 and cities in the region during the period between January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, relating to the orderly management of growth in the region.

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

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

Section 1. 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
(a) The region of Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County is a unique, contiguous geographical area that comprises the northwestern border of Nevada.
(b) As part of the fastest-growing state in the nation, the population of this region has increased rapidly in recent years,



especially as a result of the location of substantial economic development projects in the region.

(c) This increased population and economic development activity has a significant impact on resources beyond the boundaries of individual political subdivisions, affecting the region in such areas as transportation, land use development and public services and facilities.

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

2. On or before December 31 of each calendar year during the period between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022, each county in the region, in consultation with any cities within each such county, shall prepare and submit to each Legislator who represents any portion of the county a separate report that:

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

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

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

(3) Land use and development;

(4) Transportation; and

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

(b) Makes recommendations regarding those issues.

3. In preparing the report required by subsection 2, each county in the region and any city within such a county may consult with and solicit input concerning issues relating to the orderly management of growth in the county, city or region from other entities in the county, including, without limitation, the school district and any town, airport authority, regional transportation 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, and the city manager of each city in the region or his or her designee or, if the city does not have a city manager, a person designated by the governing body of the city, 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, in consultation with the cities 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 each Legislator who represents any portion of a county in the region and 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 and cities in the region 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.

