

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MAY 6, 2021

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates a joint special committee to conduct a study concerning innovation zones. (BDR R-1148)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Creating a joint special committee to conduct a study concerning innovation zones.

WHEREAS, It is critical that the Nevada Legislature consider whether innovation zones, which are a unique form of local government on private land, would accelerate this State's economic diversification by attracting advanced technology industries to invest in this State; and

WHEREAS, The 81st Session of the Legislature has been unable to consider all of the critical issues surrounding innovation zones, as the Legislature continues to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of the pandemic on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this State as well as on the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, The appointment of a joint special committee to study innovation zones will enable a thorough vetting of the critical issues and facilitate discussion among all of the interested stakeholders, including, without limitation, local governments, tribal governments, environmental groups, labor organizations, economic development authorities, water authorities, advanced technology industries and global interests; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a joint special committee to conduct a study of innovation zones, which must be composed of at least three members of the Assembly, two of whom must be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the



1 Assembly, and at least three members of the Senate, two of whom
2 must be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of
3 whom must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall elect a chair
6 and vice chair and may meet during the 81st Session of the
7 Legislature for the purpose of electing a chair and vice chair; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall, to the extent
10 practicable, meet at least once a month to study, without limitation,
11 the potential community and economic benefits of innovation zones
12 and the impact of innovation zones on:

- 13 1. Economic development and job creation;
- 14 2. Workforce development;
- 15 3. Affordable housing;
- 16 4. Empowerment centers;
- 17 5. Regional water supplies;
- 18 6. Natural resources and the environment;
- 19 7. Counties and other forms of local government; and
- 20 8. State and local revenues and the distribution of taxes; and be

21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall solicit the
23 input of interested stakeholders, including, without limitation, local
24 governments, tribal governments, environmental groups, labor
25 organizations, economic development authorities, water authorities,
26 advanced technology industries and global interests; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That any recommendation proposed by the joint
29 special committee must be approved by a majority of the members
30 of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate
31 appointed to the joint special committee; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall, to the extent
33 practicable, submit a report of the results of the study and any
34 recommendations to the Governor on or before December 31, 2021,
35 including, without limitation, whether:

- 36 1. No further action should be taken on innovation zones; or
- 37 2. Legislation on innovation zones should be proposed during a
38 regular or special session of the Legislature; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the joint special committee may request the
40 drafting of one legislative measure related to innovation zones at the
41 82nd Session of the Legislature; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That if the joint special committee requests the
43 drafting of a legislative measure related to innovation zones, the
44 legislative measure must be prefiled on or before the first day of
45 the 82nd Session of the Legislature; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall submit a
2 report of its findings to the 82nd Session of the Legislature; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
5 adoption.

