

SENATE BILL NO. 81—SENATOR DALY

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing regional planning.  
(BDR S-536)

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

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law 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 one of these counties at the end of each calendar year between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022. Each report must identify certain issues relating to the orderly management of growth in those counties and make recommendations regarding such issues. (Chapter 144, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 798) This bill extends the meeting and reporting requirements through calendar year 2026 and revises the meeting and reporting requirements.

Specifically, this bill requires, on or before December 1 of each calendar year during the period between July 1, 2023, to December 1, 2026, Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County, in consultation with any cities within each such county, to meet to discuss and identify the positive and negative issues relating to growth in the region that are impacting any such county and prepare a report that: (1) identifies certain issues relating to growth in the region; and (2) addresses, without limitation, the areas of conservation, population, land use and development, transportation, and public facilities and services. Each report must set forth recommendations that are intended to resolve any negative impact on such issues which have been identified in the report.

Additionally, this bill requires during the period between January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2027, certain Legislators and other representatives of each county and city in the region to meet jointly at least twice during each calendar year during the



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period to identify and discuss the positive and negative issues relating to the orderly management of growth in the region. On or before December 31 of each calendar year during the period, such persons are required to prepare a joint regional report of the issues identified. The joint regional report must also address comprehensively all of the issues identified and recommendations made in the reports prepared by the counties and cities.

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

**Section 1.** Section 1 of chapter 144, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 798, is hereby amended to read 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 *one of* the fastest-growing ~~{state}~~ *states* 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 *had* 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}~~ *1* of each calendar year during the period between July 1, ~~{2019,}~~ *2023*, and December ~~{31, 2022,}~~ *1, 2026*, each county in the region, in consultation with any cities within each such county, shall *meet to discuss and identify the positive and negative issues relating to growth in the region that are impacting any county in the region and* prepare and submit to each Legislator who represents any portion of the ~~{county}~~ *region* a ~~{separate}~~ report that:

(a) Identifies ~~{issues}~~ *each positive or negative issue* relating to the orderly management of growth in the *region*



1 *that is impacting any* county, including cities within ~~the~~  
2 *any* county ~~[-and]~~ *in* the region, including, without  
3 limitation, issues in the following areas:

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

6 (2) Population, including, without limitation, projected  
7 population growth *in the region* and the projected resources  
8 *of the county or city that are* necessary to support that  
9 *regional* population ~~[-]~~ *growth;*

10 (3) Land use and development;

11 (4) Transportation; and

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

15 (b) ~~[-Makes]~~ *Set forth* recommendations ~~[-regarding]~~ *that*  
16 *are intended to resolve any negative impact on* those issues  
17 ~~[-]~~ *that are identified in the report.*

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

27 4. During the period between January 1, ~~[-2020,]~~ *2024,*  
28 and ~~[-December 1, 2023,]~~ *January 1, 2027, one member of*  
29 *the Senate representing a legislative district in the region*  
30 *and designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one*  
31 *member of the Assembly representing a legislative district*  
32 *within the region and designated by the Speaker of the*  
33 *Assembly,* the county manager of each county in the region or  
34 his or her designee, or if a county manager is not appointed  
35 pursuant to NRS 244.125, a person designated by the board of  
36 county commissioners of the county, and the city manager of  
37 each city in the region or his or her designee or, if the city  
38 does not have a city manager, a person designated by the  
39 governing body of the city, shall meet jointly at least twice  
40 during each calendar year in that period to identify and  
41 discuss *the positive and negative* issues relating to the orderly  
42 management of growth in the region, including, without  
43 limitation, the issues identified and *any* recommendations  
44 made in the reports prepared pursuant to subsection 2.



5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on or before December ~~31~~ of each calendar year during the period between January 1, ~~2020,~~ 2024, and ~~December 1, 2023, the counties in the region, in consultation with the cities in the region,~~ January 1, 2027, the persons described in subsection 4 shall prepare a joint regional 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]~~ *The contents of each joint regional report must be approved by a simple majority of all persons described in subsection 4. Each joint regional report must be submitted* to each Legislator who represents any portion of a county in the region and to the Legislative Commission. ~~[The]~~ *Each* joint report that must be submitted ~~[on or before December 1, 2023,]~~ *pursuant to this subsection* 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.]~~ *report prepared by the counties and cities pursuant to subsection 2.*

6. *A Legislator is not entitled to compensation or to any per diem or travel expenses to attend a meeting described in subsection 4.*

7. 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.** Section 2 of chapter 144, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at page 800, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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

**Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

