SUMMARY—Transfers the Nevada Air Service Development Commission from the Office of Economic Development to the Department of Transportation. (BDR 18-138)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: May have Fiscal Impact.

Effect on the State Highway Fund: May have Fiscal Impact.

AN ACT relating to economic development; transferring the Nevada Air Service Development Commission from the Office of Economic Development within the Office of the Governor to the Department of Transportation; revising the membership and administration of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Air Service Development Commission within the Office of Economic Development in the Office of the Governor and provides for the membership of the Commission. (NRS 231.680) **Section 1** of this bill transfers the Commission to the Department of Transportation. **Section 1** also revises the membership of the Commission, providing for the Director of the Department of Transportation, or a designee of the Director, to serve on the Commission in place of the Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development. **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change to provide that the Nevada Air Service Development Commission is within the Department of Transportation.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN

SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 231.680 is hereby amended to read as follows:

231.680 1. There is hereby created within the ~~[Office of Economic Development]~~ ***Department of Transportation*** the Nevada Air Service Development Commission, consisting of:

(a) The ~~[Executive]~~ Director ~~[; and]~~ ***of the Department of Transportation or a person designated by the Director to serve on the Commission;***

(b) One member appointed by the Governor who is a member of the Commission on Tourism;

(c) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the Nevada Aviation Association or its successor organization;

(d) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the department of aviation in a county whose population is 700,000 or more;

(e) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority;

(f) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the Nevada Resort Association or its successor organization;

(g) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the Nevada Association of Counties or its successor organization; and

(h) One member appointed by the Governor who represents the Nevada League of Cities or its successor organization.

2. The Governor shall ensure that at least one member appointed pursuant to subsection 1 is a resident of a county whose population is less than 100,000.

3. The terms of office for the members of the Commission appointed pursuant to paragraphs (b) to (h), inclusive, of subsection 1 are 2 years, which terms must be staggered.

4. At the first meeting of each fiscal year, the Commission shall elect from among its members a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary.

5. The Commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and at other times at the call of the Chair or a majority of its members.

6. A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of all business.

Sec. 2. NRS 408.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

408.111 1. The Department consists of a Director, three Deputy Directors, a Chief Engineer ***, the Nevada Air Service Development Commission*** and the following:

(a) Administrative Division.

(b) Operations Division.

(c) Engineering Division.

(d) Planning Division.

2. The head of a Division ***described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1*** is an assistant director. Assistant directors are in the unclassified service of the State.

Sec. 3. The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative Code, appropriately change any references to an officer, agency or other entity whose name is changed or whose responsibilities are transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to refer to the appropriate officer, agency or other entity.

Sec. 4. 1. Any administrative regulations adopted by an officer or an agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency remain in force until amended by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the adoption of the regulations has been transferred.

2. Any contracts or other agreements entered into by an officer or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency are binding upon the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the administration of the provisions of the contract or other agreement has been transferred. Such contracts and other agreements may be enforced by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the enforcement of the provisions of the contract or other agreement has been transferred.

3. Any action taken by an officer or agency whose name has been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred pursuant to the provisions of this act to another officer or agency remains in effect as if taken by the officer or agency to which the responsibility for the enforcement of such actions has been transferred.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.