ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 68–COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Committee on Public Lands. (BDR 17-146)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.
Effect on the State Highway Fund: 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 legislative affairs; revising provisions relating to tribal representation on the Committee on Public Lands; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Committee on Public Lands which has various powers, including: (1) reviewing and commenting on administrative policies, rules or regulations pertaining to public lands under the control of the Federal Government or the management of national forests; (2) consulting with and advising the State Land Use Planning Agency on matters concerning federal land use, policies and activities in this State; (3) recommending to the Legislature any appropriate state legislation or corrective federal legislation; (4) advising the Attorney General if the Committee believes that any federal policy, rule or regulation which it has reviewed encroaches on the sovereignty respecting land or water or their use which has been reserved to the State pursuant to the Constitution of the United States. (NRS 218E.520) The Committee consists of eight members appointed by the Legislative Commission, including one member representing tribal governments in Nevada who is recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization. (NRS 218E.510) **Section 1** of this bill provides instead that one member of the Committee represent tribal communities in Nevada who is recommended by the Executive Director of the Department of Native American Affairs.

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

Section 1. NRS 218E.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.510 1. There is hereby created the Committee on Public Lands, consisting of eight members appointed by the Legislative Commission, who must include:

(a) Three members of the Senate of which:

(1) Two members must be selected from the majority party; and

(2) One member must be selected from the minority party;

(b) Three members of the Assembly of which:

(1) Two members must be selected from the majority party; and

(2) One member must be selected from the minority party;

(c) One elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision, appointed with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands; and

(d) One member representing tribal ~~[governments]~~ ***communities*** in Nevada who is recommended by the ~~[Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization,]~~ ***Executive Director of the Department of Native American Affairs,*** appointed with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands.

2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

3. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a Chair of the Committee from one House and a Vice Chair of the Committee from the other House.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of the Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. The membership of any member of the Committee described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Legislative Commission may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may appoint alternates for members of the Committee. The Chair of the Committee:

(a) May designate an alternate appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission to serve in place of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting; and

(b) Shall, for a member who is a Legislator, designate an alternate appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission who is of the same political party as the regular member to serve in place of the regular member if one is available.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.

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