ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 72–COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 17, 2026

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to homelessness. (BDR 18-544)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.
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 homelessness; requiring the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to request to serve as the collaborative applicant for certain Continuums of Care; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Federal law establishes a Continuum of Care Program to provide funding for nonprofit organizations, states and local governments for the purpose of providing housing for homeless persons. (42 U.S.C. §§ 11381 et seq.; 24 C.F.R. Part 578) Federal regulations require representatives from certain organizations to establish a Continuum of Care for a geographic area to, among other duties: (1) develop a plan to provide housing and other services within the geographic area of the Continuum of Care; and (2) design, operate and follow a collaborative process to develop applications for submission for grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Existing federal regulations further authorize a Continuum of Care to designate a collaborative applicant to collect and submit a consolidated grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on behalf of the Continuum of Care. (24 C.F.R. Part 578)

Existing law creates the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry and charges the Housing Division with certain duties relating to low-income housing. (Chapter 319 of NRS; NRS 232.510) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Housing Division to request to be designated as the collaborative applicant for each Continuum of Care that operates in a county whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties except Clark and Washoe Counties). If the Housing

Division is designated as the collaborative applicant, **section 1** further requires the Housing Division to: (1) serve in that position; (2) assist the Continuum of Care with performing its duties; and (3) designate or employ a full-time employee to assist the Housing Division with such duties. Finally, **section 1** authorizes the Housing Division to contract with subject matter experts for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Housing Division under **section 1**. **Section 2** of this bill applies the definitions in existing law governing the Department of Business and Industry to the provisions of **section 1**. **Section 3** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Housing Division to carry out the provisions of **section 1**.

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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Housing Division of the Department shall request to be designated as the collaborative applicant for each Continuum of Care whose geographic area of operation includes a county whose population is less than 100,000.

2. If the Housing Division is designated as the collaborative applicant for a Continuum of Care, the Housing Division shall:

(a) Carry out the duties of the collaborative applicant, in compliance with subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11381 et seq., and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto;

(b) Assist the Continuum of Care with the performance of the duties of the Continuum of Care; and

(c) Designate or employ a full-time employee to assist the Housing Division with carrying out the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

3. The Housing Division may contract with subject matter experts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Collaborative applicant" means the entity designated by a Continuum of Care to apply for a grant on behalf of the Continuum of Care.

(b) "Continuum of Care" means a Continuum of Care authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11381 et seq., and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Sec. 2. NRS 232.505 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.505 As used in NRS 232.505 to 232.866, inclusive, ***and section 1 of this act,*** unless the context requires otherwise:

1. "Department" means the Department of Business and Industry.

2. "Director" means the Director of the Department.

Sec. 3. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this act the following sums:

For the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 ..... $175,000

For the Fiscal Year 2028-2029 ..... $175,000

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 15, 2028, and September 21, 2029, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 15, 2028, and September 21, 2029, respectively.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2027.

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