

SENATE BILL NO. 51—COMMITTEE ON REVENUE
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA LEAGUE OF
CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Revenue and
Economic Development

SUMMARY—Creates the Nevada Main Street Program within the Office of Economic Development of the Office of the Governor. (BDR 18-463)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 economic development; creating the Nevada Main Street Program within the Office of Economic Development of the Office of the Governor; setting forth the requirements for the operation of the Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Office of Economic Development within the Office of
2 the Governor. The Office of Economic Development is responsible for planning
3 and carrying out economic development programs within the State. (NRS 231.020-
4 231.139) The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a nonprofit organization
5 working to preserve historic places. The National Main Street Center is a wholly-
6 owned subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation working, through
7 state-level coordinating agencies, with local governments and community
8 organizations to encourage preservation-based community revitalization. **Section 2**
9 of this bill creates the Nevada Main Street Program, a state-level coordinating
10 program for the National Main Street Center, within the Office of Economic
11 Development. **Section 3** of this bill requires the Executive Director of the Office of
12 Economic Development to adopt regulations setting forth the requirements to apply
13 for and receive approval as a designated local Main Street program. **Section 4** of
14 this bill creates the Fund for the Nevada Main Street Program to allow the Program



15 to accept donations, grants and other types of funding for the award of grants and
16 the operation of the Program. **Section 7** of this bill makes an appropriation of
17 \$500,000 from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee for
18 allocation to the Office of Economic Development for the operation of the Program
19 and to provide grants by the Program to designated local Main Street programs.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2.** *The Nevada Main Street Program is hereby created*
4 *within the Governor's Office of Economic Development. The*
5 *Program must be administered in accordance with the standards*
6 *developed by the National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the*
7 *National Trust for Historic Preservation, and must:*

8 *1. Designate local Main Street programs in accordance with*
9 *regulations adopted pursuant to section 3 of this act;*

10 *2. Coordinate those designated local Main Street programs;*

11 *3. Provide training and technical assistance to those*
12 *designated local Main Street programs; and*

13 *4. Award grants to those designated local Main Street*
14 *programs to further the community and economic revitalization*
15 *and development of aging business districts and neighborhoods in*
16 *this State.*

17 **Sec. 3.** *The Executive Director shall adopt regulations*
18 *setting forth the requirements to apply for and receive approval as*
19 *a designated local Main Street program. Each designated local*
20 *Main Street program approved pursuant to those regulations must*
21 *be administered by a county, city or nonprofit entity.*

22 **Sec. 4.** *1. The Fund for the Nevada Main Street Program is*
23 *hereby created in the State Treasury.*

24 *2. The Executive Director shall administer the Fund and may*
25 *apply for and accept any donation, gift, grant, bequest or other*
26 *source of money for deposit in the Fund.*

27 *3. The money in the Fund must be used to:*

28 *(a) Provide technical assistance and training for communities;*

29 *(b) Award grants to designated local Main Street programs*
30 *described in section 2 of this act; and*

31 *(c) Pay any reasonable administrative expenses incurred by*
32 *the Office in administering the Nevada Main Street Program.*

33 *4. Any money appropriated from the State General Fund to*
34 *the Program must be deposited in the Fund.*



1 **5. The interest and income earned on money in the Fund,**
2 **after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited to the**
3 **Fund.**

4 **6. Any claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims**
5 **against the State are paid.**

6 **7. Any money in the Fund remaining at the end of a fiscal**
7 **year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the balance in**
8 **the Fund must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.**

9 **Sec. 5.** NRS 231.053 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 231.053 After considering any pertinent advice and
11 recommendations of the Board, the Executive Director:

12 1. Shall direct and supervise the administrative and technical
13 activities of the Office.

14 2. Shall develop and may periodically revise a State Plan for
15 Economic Development, which must include a statement of:

16 (a) New industries which have the potential to be developed in
17 this State;

18 (b) The strengths and weaknesses of this State for business
19 incubation;

20 (c) The competitive advantages and weaknesses of this State;

21 (d) The manner in which this State can leverage its competitive
22 advantages and address its competitive weaknesses;

23 (e) A strategy to encourage the creation and expansion of
24 businesses in this State and the relocation of businesses to this State;
25 and

26 (f) Potential partners for the implementation of the strategy,
27 including, without limitation, the Federal Government, local
28 governments, local and regional organizations for economic
29 development, chambers of commerce, and private businesses,
30 investors and nonprofit entities.

31 3. Shall develop criteria for the designation of regional
32 development authorities pursuant to subsection 4.

33 4. Shall designate as many regional development authorities
34 for each region of this State as the Executive Director determines to
35 be appropriate to implement the State Plan for Economic
36 Development. In designating regional development authorities, the
37 Executive Director must consult with local governmental entities
38 affected by the designation. The Executive Director may, if he or
39 she determines that such action would aid in the implementation of
40 the State Plan for Economic Development, remove the designation
41 of any regional development authority previously designated
42 pursuant to this section and declare void any contract between the
43 Office and that regional development authority.



1 5. Shall establish procedures for entering into contracts with
2 regional development authorities to provide services to aid, promote
3 and encourage the economic development of this State.

4 6. May apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant
5 or other source of money to carry out the provisions of *sections 2, 3*
6 *and 4 of this act and* NRS 231.020 to 231.139, inclusive, and
7 231.1573 to 231.1597, inclusive.

8 7. May adopt such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
9 the provisions of *sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act and* NRS 231.020 to
10 231.139, inclusive, and 231.1573 to 231.1597, inclusive.

11 8. In a manner consistent with the laws of this State, may
12 reorganize the programs of economic development in this State to
13 further the State Plan for Economic Development. If, in the opinion
14 of the Executive Director, changes to the laws of this State are
15 necessary to implement the economic development strategy for this
16 State, the Executive Director must recommend the changes to the
17 Governor and the Legislature.

18 **Sec. 6.** NRS 231.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 231.055 Under the direction of the Executive Director, the
20 Office:

21 1. Shall provide administrative and technical support to the
22 Board.

23 2. Shall support the efforts of the Board, the regional
24 development authorities designated by the Executive Director
25 pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 231.053 and the private sector to
26 encourage the creation and expansion of businesses in Nevada and
27 the relocation of businesses to Nevada.

28 3. Shall coordinate and oversee all economic development
29 programs in this State to ensure that such programs are consistent
30 with the State Plan for Economic Development developed by the
31 Executive Director pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 231.053,
32 including, without limitation:

33 (a) Coordinating the economic development activities of
34 agencies of this State, local governments in this State and local and
35 regional organizations for economic development to avoid
36 duplication of effort or conflicting efforts;

37 (b) Working with local, state and federal authorities to
38 streamline the process for obtaining abatements, financial
39 incentives, grants, loans and all necessary permits and licenses for
40 the creation or expansion of businesses in Nevada or the relocation
41 of businesses to Nevada; and

42 (c) Reviewing, analyzing and making recommendations for the
43 approval or disapproval of applications for abatements, financial
44 incentives, development resources, and grants and loans of money
45 provided by the Office.



1 4. *Shall coordinate the Nevada Main Street Program created*
2 *by section 2 of this act, in accordance with the standards*
3 *developed by the National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the*
4 *National Trust for Historic Preservation, to further the goals set*
5 *forth in section 2 of this act and to approve or deny applications*
6 *for grants to designated local Main Street programs which are*
7 *submitted in accordance with regulations adopted by the Executive*
8 *Director pursuant to NRS 231.053 and section 3 of this act.*

9 5. May:

10 (a) Participate in any federal programs for economic
11 development that are consistent with the State Plan for Economic
12 Development developed by the Executive Director pursuant to
13 subsection 2 of NRS 231.053; and

14 (b) When practicable and authorized by federal law, act as the
15 agency of this State to administer such federal programs.

16 **Sec. 7.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
17 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of
18 \$500,000 for allocation to the Office of Economic Development of
19 the Office of the Governor for the operation of the Nevada Main
20 Street Program and the award of grants of money made by the
21 Program to designated local Main Street programs.

22 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
23 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
24 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
25 to which the money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
26 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
27 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
28 September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was
29 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
30 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
31 Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

32 **Sec. 8.** The appropriation made by section 7 of this act is not
33 intended to finance ongoing expenditures of state agencies, and the
34 expenditures financed with that appropriation must not be included
35 as base budget expenditures in the proposed budget for the
36 Executive Branch of State Government for the 2017-2019 biennium.

37 **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

