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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 155—ASSEMBLYWOMEN SPIEGEL,  
JOINER; AND BILBRAY-AXELROD

PREFILED FEBRUARY 13, 2017

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR PARKS

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates the Task Force on the Economics of the  
Middle Class in Nevada. (BDR S-820)

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.

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AN ACT relating to the middle class; creating the Task Force on the  
Economics of the Middle Class in Nevada to conduct a  
study during the 2017-2018 interim on the economics and  
economic mobility of middle-class Nevadans; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 This bill creates the Task Force on the Economics of the Middle Class in  
2 Nevada, consisting of: (1) three representatives from the Assembly; (2) three  
3 representatives from the Senate; (3) one member appointed by the Governor; (4)  
4 three members who represent chambers of commerce or business communities in  
5 the different geographic areas of this State; (5) three members who represent labor  
6 organizations or labor communities in the different geographic areas of this State;  
7 and (6) one member who represents a legal aid program. The Task Force must  
8 conduct a study during the 2017-2018 legislative interim on the middle class in  
9 Nevada. The Task Force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
10 to the Legislative Commission.



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

- 1       **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby created the Task Force on the  
2 Economics of the Middle Class in Nevada, consisting of:
- 3       (a) Three members of the Assembly, two of whom are appointed  
4 by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom is appointed by  
5 the Minority Leader of the Assembly;
- 6       (b) Three members of the Senate, two of whom are appointed by  
7 the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by  
8 the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- 9       (c) One member appointed by the Governor;
- 10       (d) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly,  
11 each of whom represents a chamber of commerce or the business  
12 community from a different geographic region of this State;
- 13       (e) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly,  
14 each of whom represents a labor organization or the labor  
15 community from a different geographic region of this State; and
- 16       (f) One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly who  
17 represents a program for legal aid organized under the auspices of  
18 the State Bar of Nevada.
- 19       2. A vacancy on the Task Force must be filled in the same  
20 manner as the original appointment.
- 21       3. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint as Chair of the  
22 Task Force one of the members appointed by the Speaker of the  
23 Assembly pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1.
- 24       4. A majority of the members of the Task Force constitutes a  
25 quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those  
26 members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action  
27 taken by the Task Force.
- 28       5. While engaged in the business of the Task Force, to the  
29 extent that money is available for that purpose, the members of the  
30 Task Force are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel  
31 expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.
- 32       6. The Task Force shall:
- 33       (a) Conduct a study during the 2017-2018 interim on the  
34 economics and economic mobility of the middle class in Nevada.
- 35       (b) For the purposes of conducting the interim study, define  
36 what it means to be middle class in Nevada.
- 37       (c) Determine the factors that affect whether a person is in the  
38 middle class, including, without limitation, age, race, level of  
39 education and familial and marital status.
- 40       (d) Establish objective and quantifiable indicators of whether a  
41 person is in the middle class.



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1 (e) Study and make recommendations for legislation in the  
2 following subjects, without limitation, that is designed to improve  
3 the financial and living conditions of the middle class:

4 (1) Workforce and job development, including, without  
5 limitation, employee support and support of small and start-up  
6 businesses;

7 (2) Education, including, without limitation, preschool and  
8 K-12 programs, including, without limitation, programs in financial  
9 literacy;

10 (3) Health care, including, without limitation, access to  
11 physical and mental health care;

12 (4) Housing, including, without limitation, home-buying  
13 programs; and

14 (5) Transportation.

15 7. In fulfillment of its mission, the Task Force may solicit  
16 information on the economics and demographics of this State from  
17 the institutions of higher education within the Nevada System of  
18 Higher Education.

19 8. The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings and  
20 recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau  
21 for transmittal to the Legislative Commission.

22 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.



