

Committee Action:

Do Pass _____

Amend & Do Pass _____

Other _____

Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

March 19, 2019

SENATE BILL 254

Revises provisions relating to carbon reduction. (BDR 40-907)

Sponsored by: Senators Brooks, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Spearman, Parks, Denis, Dondero Loop, Harris, Ohrenschall, Ratti, Scheible, and Woodhouse

Date Heard: March 12, 2019

**Fiscal Impact: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.**

Senate Bill 254 requires the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to submit an annual report that includes a statewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and a projection of annual greenhouse gas emissions in Nevada for the 20 years immediately following the date of the report. The report must identify policies that could achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and a qualitative assessment of whether such policies support long-term regulations of greenhouse gas emissions in this state to zero or near-zero by the year 2050. The measure requires the Department to consult with certain agencies.

Amendments:

Senator Brooks proposes the following amendments (attached):

1. Amend subsection 2(b) of Section 2 of the bill to provide that the Governor of the State of Nevada may appoint or designate one or more agencies to identify the policies that could achieve reductions in projected greenhouse gas emissions by the sectors in Section 2(2)(a)(1) of the bill and provide those policies to DCNR for its report.
2. Amend subsection 3 of Section 2 of the bill to add that the Governor may designate additional agencies or agencies to consult with the agencies identified in the bill when identifying the policies that could achieve reductions in projected greenhouse gas emissions by the sectors set forth in Section 2(2)(a)(1) of the bill.
3. Amend subsection 2 of Section 2 of the bill to revise the schedule of inventory and projection of annual greenhouse gas emissions sources and amounts in this state from certain sectors, which must be included in the report.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 254

(Proposed by Senator Brooks)

March 11, 2019

- Section 2(2)(b) of the bill currently requires the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to identify policies that could achieve reductions in projected greenhouse gas emissions by the sectors set forth in Section 2(2)(a)(1) of the bill. Instead of requiring the Department to identify these policies, the proposed amendment would revise the bill to provide that the Governor may appoint or designate one or more entities or agencies to identify the policies and provide those policies to the Department for its report. The Department would still prepare the remainder of the report.
- Section 2(3) of the bill currently requires the Department to consult with certain agencies (PUCN, Office of Energy, DMV and NDOT) when preparing its report concerning greenhouse gas emissions in this State. This proposed amendment would revise the bill to also require the entities or agencies appointed or designated by the Governor to consult with the same agencies (PUCN, Office of Energy, DMV and NDOT) when identifying the policies that could achieve reductions in projected greenhouse gas emissions by the sectors set forth in Section 2(2)(a)(1) of the bill.

445B.380 1. The Department shall, not later than December 31, 2019, and each year thereafter, issue a report that includes a statewide inventory of greenhouse gas emissions in this State and a projection of annual greenhouse gas emissions in this State for the 20 years immediately following the date of the date of the report.

2 The report must include, without limitation:

- (a) For each year of the inventory and projection required by subsection 1:
 - (1) The sources and amounts of greenhouse gas emissions in this State from each of the following sectors:
 - (I) Electricity production; and
 - (II) Transportation;
 - ~~(III) — Industry;~~
 - ~~(IV) — Commercial and residential;~~
 - ~~(V) — Agriculture; and~~
 - ~~(VI) — Land use and forestry;~~
 - (2) The sources and amounts of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in this State from each of the sectors set forth in subparagraph (1)

- (b) For the first year and each fourth year of the inventory and projection required by subsection 1:
 - (1) The sources and amounts of greenhouse gas emissions in this State from each of the following sectors:
 - (I) Industry;
 - (II) Commercial and residential;
 - (III) Agriculture; and
 - (IV) Land use and forestry;
 - (2) The sources and amounts of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in this State from each of the sectors set forth in subparagraph (1)

- (c) ~~(b)~~ A statement of policies, including, without limitation, regulations, identified by the Department that could achieve reductions in projected greenhouse gas emissions by the sectors set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a), and subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) and: