

**SB 48 RURAL DIESEL TAX BILL  
WHAT IT DOES AND DOES NOT DO**

1. SB 48 enables a rural Board of County Commissioners the ability to enact up to a 5 cent diesel tax by a 2/3rds majority vote of their members OR to decide to take the diesel tax to a vote of the people at a general election.
2. SB 48 does not require a 2/3rds vote of the Legislature since it does not require the Legislature to enact the diesel tax, it only enables the elected Board of County Commissioners to do so.
3. SB 48 does not allow an increase tax on dyed diesel fuel (agricultural fuel).
4. SB 48 requires rural counties which have more than 10 million gallons of diesel sold to comply with IFTA and to contribute up to 10% of the proceeds of the tax to NDOT for highway truck parking. It is believed this would set a national precedent for local governments to assist in funding truck parking on highways, which is a federal and state issue.
5. Currently, diesel vehicles do not pay for repair and maintenance of ANY local roads in the rural counties. Only gas vehicles pay for repair and maintenance of local roads through various gas taxes equaling 15.3 cents of gas taxes. This creates a taxpayer inequity whereas owners of gas vehicles pay for local roads, but owners of diesel vehicles do not. SB 48 corrects this taxpayer inequity.
6. Decades ago, the Nevada Legislature enacted legislation to allow the Board of County Commissioners to enact a 5 cent gas tax as a local option (part of the 15.3 cent total gas taxes). However, a corresponding 5 cent diesel tax was never allowed to be enacted. SB 48 corrects this taxpayer inequity.
7. SB 48 requires the proceeds of the 5 cent diesel tax be distributed amongst the cities and counties according to the RTC distribution which has been in effect for decades. For example, in Lyon County, the RTC distribution is based on the assessed valuation of the entities per NRS 373.150 as follows:

	<b>% AV</b>	<b>Est. Tax Proceeds</b>	<b>Miles of Road</b>	<b>% of Road Miles</b>
Lyon County	57.50%	\$1,343,985	541.02	81.94%
Fernley	38.90%	909,235	95.79	14.51%
Yerington	<u>3.60%</u>	<u>84,145</u>	<u>23.43</u>	<u>3.55%</u>
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$2,337,364</b>	<b>660.24</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Note: Assessed Value and Miles of Road provided by the Department of Taxation.

Submitted by: Mary Walker  
 Representing: Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County and Storey County  
 Email: [marywalker@gbis.com](mailto:marywalker@gbis.com)  
 Phone: 775-771-5964