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Assembly Committee on Revenue

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

May 28, 2021

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11

**Creates a joint special committee to conduct a study concerning innovation zones.
(BDR R-1148)**

Sponsored by: Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

Date Heard: May 25, 2021

Summary

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 creates a joint special committee to conduct a study of innovation zones. This committee shall, to the extent practicable, meet at least once a month to study, without limitation, the potential community and economic benefits of innovation zones and the impact of innovation zones on:

1. Economic development and job creation;
2. Workforce development;
3. Affordable housing;
4. Empowerment centers;
5. Regional water supplies;
6. Natural resources and the environment;
7. Counties and other forms of local government; and
8. State and local revenues and the distribution of taxes.

The joint special committee shall, to the extent practicable, submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations to the Governor on or before December 31, 2021, including, without limitation, whether no further action should be taken on innovation zones; or whether legislation on innovation zones should be proposed during a regular or special session of the Legislature.

Testimony

Scott Gilles, Senior Advisor to the Governor, Office of the Governor, provided an overview and testified in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 11.

Additional testimony in support was provided by the following individuals:

- Chris Bosse, Vice President of Government Relations, Renown Health;
- Patrick Boileau, Political Field Organizer, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 3;
- Vince Saavedra, Council Representative, District Council of Ironworkers of California and Vicinity;
- Rob Benner, Secretary-Treasurer, Building and Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada; and
- Danny Thompson, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 12 and Local 3.

Testimony in opposition was provided by the following individuals:

- Annette Magnus, Executive Director, Battle Born Progress; and
- Chris Daly, Deputy Executive Director of Governmental Relations, Nevada State Education Association.

Neutral testimony was provided by the following individuals:

- Dagny Stapleton, Executive Director, Nevada Association of Counties;
- Mary Walker, representing Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, and Storey County;
- Sarah Adler, representing the Tahoe Reno Industrial (TRI) General Improvement District;
- Austin Osborne, County Manager, Storey County;
- Clayton Mitchell, Commissioner, Storey County Commission; and
- Will Adler, representing the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Amendments

After the hearing, the following amendments were submitted for consideration on this measure by Chair Cohen:

1. On page 2, line 17 (number 5 of the impacts to be studied), add “and infrastructure,” so that it would require the committee to study the impact of innovation zones on regional water supplies and infrastructure;
2. On page 2, line 19 (number 7 of the impacts to be studied), include tribal governments in with counties and other forms of local government;
3. On page 2, line 25, modify the reference to water authorities to include “water authorities, districts, and systems in this State”;
4. In that same paragraph (page 2, lines 22 through 27), add “low income and historically underserved communities” to the list of interested stakeholders; and
5. On page 2, lines 32 through 35, modify the due dates, such that the committee, to the extent practicable, conclude their meetings on or before February 28, 2022, and submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations to the Governor on or before March 29, 2022.