

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY ON THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF ENERGY

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19
(File No. 99, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

Following is a summary of the recommendations adopted by the Legislative Commission's Committee to Conduct an Interim Study on the Production and Use of Energy at its final meeting on June 29, 2010, for transmittal to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO DRAFT LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

1. Draft a bill amending Chapter 331 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) to provide that the Chief of the Buildings and Grounds Division of the Department of Administration shall consider the energy efficiency characteristics and energy costs of prospective leased office rooms outside of State buildings for the use of State officers and employees before entering into or renewing a lease. To the extent practicable, the Chief shall only enter into leases for space that meet or exceed the minimum standards for the conservation of energy and energy efficiency in buildings established by the Nevada Energy Commissioner as provided in NRS 701.220. The Chief, in consultation with the State Public Works Board, shall consider the feasibility, practicability, and fiscal impact of constructing office space for State officers and employees instead of leasing such space, prior to entering into or renewing a lease.
2. Draft a bill amending Chapter 445B of NRS requiring the Division of Environmental Protection, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to adopt regulations implementing a program to require engine repair, oil change, and brake service companies to perform tire pressure checks as part of any service they perform.
3. Draft a bill amending Chapter 624 of NRS requiring certain contractors to offer upgrades for renewable energy and energy efficiency; requiring certain contractors assisting buyers in obtaining financing to offer, or work with lenders that offer, energy efficient mortgages; requiring licensees of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry to make certain information about energy efficiency in residential property available to each party to a real estate transaction; revising continuing education requirements relating to energy efficiency for real estate brokers, real estate broker-salespersons, real estate salespersons, mortgage brokers, and certified or licensed real estate appraisers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
4. Draft a bill amending Chapter 366 of NRS requiring that all diesel fuel sold or offered in the State of Nevada must contain at least 5 percent biodiesel by volume, one year after in-state production volume of 30 million gallons of biodiesel has been reached and

sustained for three months on an annualized basis. All diesel fuel sold or offered in the State of Nevada must contain at least 10 percent biodiesel by volume, one year after in-state production volume of 60 million gallons of biodiesel has been reached and sustained for three months on an annualized basis, provided vehicle manufacturers recognize engine warranties associated with the use of biodiesel blends of 10 percent or more; amending NRS 366.022 to more accurately comply with national standards by specifying that biodiesel is defined as mono-alkyl esters of long-chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats which conform to American Society for Testing and Materials D6751 specifications for use in diesel engines. Additionally, amending NRS 366.190 to include a distinct taxation definition for biodiesel.