

SENATE BILL NO. 375—SENATORS CEGAVSKE;
AND SCHNEIDER

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes counties and cities to create renewable energy corridors. (BDR 20-18)

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.

AN ACT relating to renewable energy corridors; authorizing the governing bodies of cities and counties to create renewable energy corridors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 **Section 1** of this bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to create one
- 2 or more renewable energy corridors within the unincorporated areas of the county,
- 3 to enter into one or more cooperative agreements with other local governments for
- 4 the purpose of creating a regional renewable energy corridor and to offer certain
- 5 incentives for participation in a renewable energy corridor.
- 6 **Section 2** of this bill authorizes the governing body of a city to create one or
- 7 more renewable energy corridors within the boundaries of the city, to enter into one
- 8 or more cooperative agreements with other local governments for the purpose of
- 9 creating a regional renewable energy corridor and to offer certain incentives for
- 10 participation in a renewable energy corridor.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 244 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 3 *1. A board of county commissioners may by ordinance create*
- 4 *one or more renewable energy corridors within the*
- 5 *unincorporated areas of the county.*
- 6 *2. A board of county commissioners may offer incentives for*
- 7 *participation in a renewable energy corridor, including without*



1 *limitation, abatement or partial abatement of any taxes that the*
2 *county may lawfully impose, to any person or business located*
3 *within the renewable energy corridor.*

4 3. *A board of county commissioners may enter into one or*
5 *more cooperative agreements with the governing body of any*
6 *incorporated city located within the county or the governing body*
7 *of any contiguous county for the purpose of creating a regional*
8 *renewable energy corridor. Any such cooperative agreement must*
9 *set forth the powers and duties of each participating city or county.*

10 4. *As used in this section, "renewable energy" means a*
11 *source of energy that occurs naturally or is regenerated naturally,*
12 *including, without limitation:*

- 13 (a) *Biomass;*
- 14 (b) *Fuel cells;*
- 15 (c) *Geothermal energy;*
- 16 (d) *Solar energy;*
- 17 (e) *Waterpower; and*
- 18 (f) *Wind.*

19 *↪ The term does not include coal, natural gas, oil, propane or any*
20 *other fossil fuel, or nuclear energy.*

21 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 268 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
22 thereto a new section to read as follows:

23 1. *The governing body of a city may by ordinance create one*
24 *or more renewable energy corridors within the boundaries of the*
25 *city.*

26 2. *The governing body of a city may offer incentives for*
27 *participation in a renewable energy corridor, including without*
28 *limitation, abatement or partial abatement of any taxes that the*
29 *city may lawfully impose, to any person or business located within*
30 *the renewable energy corridor.*

31 3. *A governing body of a city may enter into one or more*
32 *cooperative agreements with the board of county commissioners of*
33 *the county in which the city is located or the governing body of*
34 *any contiguous city for the purpose of creating a regional*
35 *renewable energy corridor. Any such cooperative agreement must*
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- 2 *other fossil fuel, or nuclear energy.*
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

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