

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 261—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 7, 2023

Referred to Committee on Revenue

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 18-470)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 governmental administration; requiring the State Plan for Economic Development to include a statement regarding the efficient use of water resources; requiring a plan submitted by certain regional development authorities to include water conservation strategies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Office of Economic Development within the Office of
2 the Governor and requires the Executive Director of the Office of Economic
3 Development to develop and periodically revise a State Plan for Economic
4 Development. (NRS 231.043, 231.053) **Section 1** of this bill requires the Executive
5 Director to include a statement in the State Plan regarding the manner in which this
6 State can maximize the efficient use of the water resources of this State through its
7 economic development programs.

8 Existing law requires each regional development authority to present a plan to
9 the Executive Director regarding the development and enhancement of certain
10 recruiting and marketing efforts. (NRS 231.054) **Section 2** of this bill requires each
11 such plan presented by a regional development authority located in a county whose
12 population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) to also
13 include strategies on conserving the water resources of this State through such
14 recruiting and marketing efforts.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 231.053 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 231.053 After considering any advice and recommendations of
3 the Board, the Executive Director:

4 1. Shall direct and supervise the administrative and technical
5 activities of the Office.

6 2. Shall develop and may periodically revise a State Plan for
7 Economic Development, which:

8 (a) Must include a statement of:

9 (1) New industries which have the potential to be developed
10 in this State;

11 (2) The strengths and weaknesses of this State for business
12 incubation;

13 (3) The competitive advantages and weaknesses of this State;

14 (4) The manner in which this State can leverage its
15 competitive advantages and address its competitive weaknesses;

16 (5) *The manner in which this State can maximize the*
17 *efficient use of the water resources of this State through the*
18 *programs of economic development in this State;*

19 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) A strategy to encourage the creation and expansion
20 of businesses in this State and the relocation of businesses to this
21 State; and

22 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Potential partners for the implementation of the
23 strategy, including, without limitation, the Federal Government,
24 local governments, local and regional organizations for economic
25 development, chambers of commerce, and private businesses,
26 investors and nonprofit entities; and

27 (b) Must not include provisions for the granting of any
28 abatement, partial abatement or exemption from taxes or any other
29 incentive for economic development to a person who will locate or
30 expand a business in this State that is subject to the tax imposed
31 pursuant to NRS 362.130 or the gaming license fees imposed by the
32 provisions of NRS 463.370.

33 3. Shall develop criteria for the designation of regional
34 development authorities pursuant to subsection 4.

35 4. Shall designate as many regional development authorities
36 for each region of this State as the Executive Director determines to
37 be appropriate to implement the State Plan for Economic
38 Development. In designating regional development authorities, the
39 Executive Director must consult with local governmental entities
40 affected by the designation. The Executive Director may, if he or
41 she determines that such action would aid in the implementation of
42 the State Plan for Economic Development, remove the designation



1 of any regional development authority previously designated
2 pursuant to this section and declare void any contract between the
3 Office and that regional development authority.

4 5. Shall establish procedures for entering into contracts with
5 regional development authorities to provide services to aid, promote
6 and encourage the economic development of this State.

7 6. May apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant
8 or other source of money to carry out the provisions of NRS
9 231.020 to 231.139, inclusive, and 231.1555 to 231.1597, inclusive.

10 7. May adopt such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
11 the provisions of NRS 231.020 to 231.139, inclusive, and 231.1555
12 to 231.1597, inclusive.

13 8. In a manner consistent with the laws of this State, may
14 reorganize the programs of economic development in this State to
15 further the State Plan for Economic Development. If, in the opinion
16 of the Executive Director, changes to the laws of this State are
17 necessary to implement the economic development strategy for this
18 State, the Executive Director must recommend the changes to the
19 Governor and the Legislature.

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 231.054 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 231.054 **1.** Each regional development authority shall present
22 a plan to the Executive Director ~~regarding~~ **that includes** the
23 development and enhancement of a recruiting and marketing effort
24 to attract professionals and businesses to the region of this State
25 served by the regional development authority.

26 **2.** *The plan submitted pursuant to subsection 1 by a regional*
27 *development authority located in a county whose population is*
28 *100,000 or more must also include strategies to encourage the*
29 *conservation of the water resources of this State through such a*
30 *recruiting and marketing effort.*

31 **3.** The Executive Director shall consider any plan presented
32 pursuant to this section in carrying out the provisions of
33 NRS 231.053.

34 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

35 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

