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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 301—ASSEMBLYMEN OSCARSON,  
ELLISON; SWANK AND WHEELER

MARCH 15, 2013

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR GOICOECHEA

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requires the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct a study concerning water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada communities. (BDR S-807)

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.

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AN ACT relating to water; requiring the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct a study concerning water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada communities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands is authorized to  
2 review and comment on the laws, regulations and policies relating to the use,  
3 allocation and management of water in this State. (NRS 218E.525) This bill  
4 requires the Committee to conduct a study concerning water conservation and  
5 alternative sources of water for Nevada communities and to submit a report of its  
6 findings and any recommendations for legislation to the 78th Session of the Nevada  
7 Legislature.

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1 WHEREAS, The waters of the State of Nevada are among its  
2 most precious and vital resources; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is one of the most arid states in  
4 the United States and its limited surface water and groundwater  
5 resources have been depleted by recent drought conditions in the  
6 Colorado River Basin and the Great Basin; and



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1 WHEREAS, Adequate, long-term supplies of water are essential  
2 to Nevada's economic future, valued quality of life and natural  
3 environment, and it is apparent that Nevada's urban areas will need  
4 alternative sources of water in the future to support growth and  
5 development; and

6 WHEREAS, One of the duties of the Legislative Committee on  
7 Public Lands is to review and comment on issues relating to water  
8 resources in this State; now, therefore,

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10 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
11 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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13 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
14 shall conduct a study during the 2013-2014 interim concerning  
15 alternative sources of water for Nevada communities. The study  
16 must include, without limitation, a review of:

17 (a) Issues relating to water resources in this State;

18 (b) Studies relating to water use, surface water resources and  
19 groundwater resources, including, without limitation, increased  
20 water supply through conservation; and

21 (c) Alternative sources of water, including, without limitation,  
22 desalination of ocean water, reclaiming wastewater, using  
23 graywater, capturing rainwater and cloud seeding.

24 2. In addition to any report required pursuant to NRS  
25 218E.525, the Committee shall, on or before February 1, 2015,  
26 submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for  
27 legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
28 transmittal to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

