

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

MARCH 15, 2013

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR GOICOECHEA

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.

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.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands
2 shall conduct a study during the 2013-2014 interim concerning
3 water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada



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1 communities. The study must include, without limitation, a
2 comprehensive review of all of the following:
3 (a) Issues relating to water resources in this State;
4 (b) Studies quantifying water use, surface water resources and
5 groundwater resources, including, without limitation, increased
6 water supply through conservation;
7 (c) The total consumptive use of water in this State, calculated
8 on the basis of gallons per capita per day;
9 (d) Alternative sources of water, including, without limitation,
10 desalination of water, interbasin transfers of groundwater,
11 conservation of water used for agricultural purposes, water
12 conservation in urban areas and cloud seeding, and the reuse of
13 water, including, without limitation, reclaiming wastewater, using
14 graywater and capturing rainwater; and
15 (e) Efforts that may be taken by the State of Nevada to ensure
16 the equitable apportionment of groundwater in basins that have
17 boundaries which extend outside the borders of the State of Nevada.
18 2. In addition to any report required pursuant to NRS
19 218E.525, the Committee shall, on or before February 1, 2015,
20 submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for
21 legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
22 transmittal to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

