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## AB 380

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Government Affairs Committee. For the record I am Don Gustavson, Representing District 30, Washoe County.

I am here this morning to introduce AB 380, a bill affecting Regional Planning in Washoe County. As I indicated to you in my introduction of AB 379 this morning, there has been a great deal of public concern, lawsuits, etc. over Truckee Meadows Regional Planning. You must have got a flavor of it during testimony on AB 379.

This bill takes care of the other bone of contention in that planning process, "Spheres of Influence". A sphere of influence is simply an area that a City can designate in Regional Planning as an area into which the city plans to expand.

As you will hear in the testimony, the cities of Reno and Sparks adopted Spheres of Influence in the Regional Plan, which essentially expanded their area by nearly 300% each.

The spheres of influence also did not consider or identify infrastructure or resources for the large areas. This also resulted in the cities taking or soon intending to take almost all the developable land in Washoe County.

The ability of the cities to include these large spheres of influence in the contested Regional Plan was made possible by the voting structure, which is addressed in AB 379.

However, this bill simply removes entirely the concept of spheres of influence in the planning process. When this bill passes, the current and long used concept of property being annexed in an orderly fashion to the cities as they expand naturally will be continued.

**We do have an amendment to AB 380** which I can read to you now.

Mr. Chairman, again, thank you for the opportunity to present AB 380. I ask that you will give serious consideration to approving this bill.

There are several of my constituents here to testify in favor of this bill. And I am sure you will give them the same kind consideration you have given to me.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

## Amendment to AB 380

In AB 380 on Page 5, Section 3, in subparagraph (3), Lines 9 to 13, Delete new language beginning with "Any action", (the last sentence). This is not necessary. And I believe the new language on lines 14 to 16 may also need to be deleted.