
SENATE BILL NO. 174—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

FEBRUARY 20, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning powers and duties of Commission on Economic Development. (BDR 18-529)

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 economic development; making various changes concerning the powers and duties of the Commission on Economic Development; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 231.064 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 231.064 In addition to its other duties, the Commission on
3 Economic Development shall:
4 1. Investigate and study conditions affecting Nevada business,
5 industry and commerce, and engage in technical studies, scientific
6 investigations, statistical research and educational activities
7 necessary or useful for the proper execution of the function of the
8 Division *of Economic Development* in promoting and developing
9 Nevada business, industry and commerce, both within and outside
10 the State.
11 2. Conduct or encourage research designed to further new and
12 more extensive uses of the natural and other resources of the State
13 and designed to develop new products and industrial processes.



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1 3. Serve as a center of public information for the State of
2 Nevada by answering general inquiries concerning the resources and
3 economic ~~[, residential and recreational]~~ advantages of this state and
4 by furnishing information and data on these and related subjects.

5 4. Prepare , and ~~[publish pamphlets and other descriptive]~~
6 *disseminate in any medium, informational* material designed to
7 promote *community, economic and* industrial development in
8 Nevada . ~~[, including a regularly revised industrial directory for the~~
9 ~~State.]~~

10 5. Plan and develop an effective service for business
11 information, both for the direct assistance of business and industry
12 of the State and for the encouragement of business and industry
13 outside the State to use economic facilities within the State,
14 including readily accessible information on state and local taxes,
15 local zoning regulations and environmental standards, the
16 availability and cost of real estate, labor, energy, transportation and
17 occupational education and related subjects.

18 **Sec. 2.** NRS 231.067 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 231.067 The Commission on Economic Development shall:

20 1. Develop a state plan for industrial development and
21 diversification.

22 2. ~~[Promote,]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,*
23 *promote,* encourage and aid the development of commercial,
24 industrial, agricultural, mining and other vital economic interests of
25 this state, except for travel and tourism . ~~[, except that in]~~ *In*
26 a county whose population is less than 50,000, the county may
27 include community development and the development of the
28 nongaming recreation and tourism industry in its economic
29 development efforts.

30 3. Identify sources of financing ~~[and]~~ *to* assist businesses and
31 industries which wish to locate *or expand* in Nevada . ~~[in obtaining~~
32 ~~financing.]~~

33 4. Provide and administer grants of money to political
34 subdivisions of the State and to local or regional organizations for
35 economic development to assist them in promoting the advantages
36 of their communities , *in expanding and retaining businesses in*
37 *those communities* and in recruiting businesses to ~~[relocate in]~~
38 those communities. Each recipient must provide an amount of
39 money, at least equal to the grant, for the same purpose, except ~~[,]~~
40 in a county whose population is less than 50,000, the Commission
41 may, if convinced that the recipient is financially unable to do so,
42 provide such a grant with less than equal matching money provided
43 by the recipient.

44 5. Encourage and assist state, county and city agencies in
45 planning and preparing projects for *community,* economic ~~[or]~~ *and*



1 industrial development and financing those projects with revenue
2 bonds ~~[-~~

3 ~~6.—Coordinate] or community development block grants.~~
4 **6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, coordinate**
5 and assist the activities of counties, cities, local and regional
6 organizations for economic development ~~[and fair and recreation~~
7 ~~boards]~~ in the State which affect **economic and** industrial
8 development, except for travel and tourism . ~~[-except that in]~~ **In** a
9 county whose population is less than 50,000, the county may
10 include community development and the development of the
11 nongaming recreation and tourism industry in its economic
12 development efforts.

13 7. Arrange by cooperative agreements with local governments
14 to serve as the single agency in the State where relocating or
15 expanding businesses may obtain all required permits.

16 8. Promote close cooperation between public agencies and
17 private persons who have an interest in industrial development and
18 diversification in Nevada.

19 9. Organize and coordinate the activities of a group of
20 volunteers which will aggressively select and recruit businesses and
21 industries, especially small industries, to locate their offices and
22 facilities in Nevada.

23 **10. As used in this section, “community development block**
24 **grant” means a grant administered or made available by the**
25 **United States Department of Housing and Urban Development**
26 **pursuant to 24 C.F.R. Part 570.**

27 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

