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SENATE BILL NO. 490—SENATORS D. HARRIS, SPEARMAN,  
SCHEIBLE, PARKS; CANNIZZARO, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP,  
OHRENSCHALL, WASHINGTON AND WOODHOUSE

MARCH 27, 2019

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

**SUMMARY**—Requires the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs to conduct a study related to disparities and unlawful discrimination in the awarding of certain contracts by the State or a local government. (BDR S-586)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
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.

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AN ACT relating to government contracts; requiring the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs to conduct a study relating to disparities and unlawful discrimination on the basis of race or gender in the awarding of purchasing and public works contracts by the State or a local government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law creates the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs and requires  
2 the Commission, among other requirements, to study matters affecting the social  
3 and economic welfare and well-being of minorities residing in the State of Nevada.  
4 (NRS 232.852, 232.860) This bill requires the Commission to conduct a study to  
5 determine whether and to what extent disparities and unlawful discrimination on  
6 the basis of race or gender exist with respect to the awarding of contracts by the  
7 State or a local government for the procurement of goods and services and for  
8 public works.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs  
2 created by NRS 232.852 shall conduct a study to determine whether



1 and to what extent disparities and unlawful discrimination on the  
2 basis of race or gender exist with respect to the awarding of  
3 contracts by the State or a local government:

4 (a) For the procurement of goods and services pursuant to  
5 chapters 332 and 333 of NRS; and

6 (b) For public works pursuant to chapter 338 of NRS.

7 2. The Commission shall submit a report of its findings,  
8 including, without limitation, any recommendations for legislation,  
9 to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to  
10 the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

11 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

