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SENATE BILL NO. 67—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 20, 2018

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing local emergency management. (BDR 36-355)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 2)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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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 emergency management; creating the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council; prescribing the membership and duties of the Council; revising provisions governing a local organization for emergency management; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Chief of the Division of Emergency Management of  
2 the Department of Public Safety to coordinate the activities of all organizations for  
3 emergency management within Nevada. (NRS 414.040) **Section 1** of this bill  
4 creates the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council within the Division.  
5 **Section 1** requires the Chief of the Division to appoint not more than 15 members  
6 to the Council, each of whom must be a member of a federally recognized Indian  
7 tribe or nation which is located within Nevada. **Section 1** requires the Council to:  
8 (1) advise the Chief regarding emergency management on tribal lands; (2) assist in  
9 the coordination of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities  
10 relating to an emergency on tribal lands; and (3) submit an annual report to the  
11 Chief detailing the Council's activities during the immediately preceding calendar  
12 year and recommendations relating to emergency management on tribal lands.

13 Existing law authorizes each county and city in Nevada to establish a local  
14 organization for emergency management. A local organization for emergency  
15 management is responsible for performing functions of emergency management  
16 within the territorial limits of the political subdivision within which it is organized



17 and, if required, outside those territorial limits. (NRS 414.090) **Section 2** of this bill  
18 makes it mandatory for a county to establish a local organization for emergency  
19 management, but, in lieu of each county establishing its own local organization for  
20 emergency management, **section 2** authorizes the boards of county commissioners  
21 of two or more counties to enter into an interlocal agreement establishing one local  
22 organization for emergency management for all the counties that are parties to the  
23 agreement.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 414 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council,*  
4 *consisting of not more than 15 members appointed by the Chief, is*  
5 *hereby created within the Division of Emergency Management of*  
6 *the Department of Public Safety. The Chief shall appoint members*  
7 *from any federally recognized Indian tribe or nation, all or part of*  
8 *which is located within the boundaries of this State.*

9 *2. The term of office of each member of the Council is 2*  
10 *years.*

11 *3. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chief and at least*  
12 *once every 3 months.*

13 *4. The Division of Emergency Management shall provide the*  
14 *Council with administrative support.*

15 *5. The Council shall:*

16 *(a) Advise the Chief regarding emergency management on*  
17 *tribal lands;*

18 *(b) Assist in the coordination of mitigation, preparedness,*  
19 *response and recovery activities related to an emergency on tribal*  
20 *lands; and*

21 *(c) Submit an annual report to the Chief on or before*  
22 *January 31 of each year which must include, without limitation:*

23 *(1) A summary of the activities of the Council during the*  
24 *immediately preceding calendar year; and*

25 *(2) Recommendations relating to emergency management*  
26 *on tribal lands.*

27 *6. The Attorney General shall enter into any agreements*  
28 *necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.*

29 **Sec. 2.** NRS 414.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 414.090 1. ~~Each political subdivision~~ *Except as otherwise*  
31 *provided in subsection 2, each county of this state shall, and each*

32 *city* of this state may , establish a local organization for emergency  
33 management in accordance with the state emergency management  
34 plan and program for emergency management. Such a political



1 subdivision may confer or authorize the conferring upon members  
2 of the auxiliary police the powers of police officers, subject to such  
3 restrictions as it imposes. Each local organization for emergency  
4 management must have a director who must be appointed by the  
5 executive officer or governing body of the political subdivision, and  
6 who has direct responsibility for the organization, administration  
7 and operation of the local organization for emergency management  
8 subject to the direction and control of the executive officer or  
9 governing body. Each local organization for emergency  
10 management shall perform functions of emergency management  
11 within the territorial limits of the political subdivision within which  
12 it is organized, and, in addition, shall conduct such functions outside  
13 of such territorial limits as may be required pursuant to the  
14 provisions of NRS 414.100.

15 2. *In lieu of establishing a local organization for emergency*  
16 *management pursuant to subsection 1, the boards of county*  
17 *commissioners of two or more counties may enter into an*  
18 *interlocal agreement that:*

19 (a) *Establishes a local organization for emergency*  
20 *management for the counties that are parties to the agreement;*  
21 *and*

22 (b) *Ensures compliance with the requirements of subsection 1.*

23 3. In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, each political  
24 subdivision in which any emergency or disaster described in NRS  
25 414.020 occurs may enter into contracts and incur obligations  
26 necessary to combat such an emergency or disaster, protect the  
27 health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency  
28 assistance to the victims of such an emergency or disaster. Each  
29 political subdivision may exercise the powers vested under this  
30 section in the light of the exigencies of the extreme emergency or  
31 disaster without regard to time-consuming procedures and  
32 formalities prescribed by law, except constitutional requirements,  
33 pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into  
34 contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary  
35 workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and  
36 materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and  
37 expenditure of public funds.

38 **Sec. 3.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
39 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
40 provisions of this act.

41 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

