

Amendment No. 976

Senate Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint	(BDR 17-366)
<b>Proposed by:</b> Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	
<b>Amends:</b> Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is newly added language; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) ~~fuchsia double strikethrough~~ is new language in the bill proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (6) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment.

SHORT FORM AMENDMENT

Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 39, 43, 47.5, 49 and 50 of this act are the only sections affected by this amendment.

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A.B. No. 243—Revises provisions relating to legislative affairs. (BDR 17-366)





**If this amendment is adopted, the Legislative Counsel's Digest will be changed as follows:**

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law establishes various legislative interim committees that are created or authorized to conduct studies or investigations or perform other legislative business during the interim between legislative sessions, and existing law provides for the appointment or designation of chairs and vice chairs of such interim committees. (Chapter 218E of NRS, NRS 232B.210-232B.250) Existing law also contains provisions that apply exclusively to such interim committees without applying to any session committees. (NRS 218E.105-218E.140)

~~[Under the term limit provisions of the Nevada Constitution, Legislators are subject to limitations on the number of years that they may serve in each House of the Legislature. (Nev. Const. Art. 4, §§ 3, 4) Section 2 of this bill amends the statutory provisions that apply to interim committees in order to provide, with certain exceptions, that if a Legislator is serving the final term in his or her current House under the term limit provisions, the Legislator is not eligible for the position of chair or vice chair of an interim committee during the legislative interim period that: (1) begins immediately after adjournment sine die of the last regular session in which the Legislator is eligible to serve in his or her current House; and (2) ends at the expiration of the Legislator's current term of office in that House. However, section 2 contains an exception for the position of Chair or Vice Chair of the Legislative Commission. Sections 3, 7, 8, 11, 14 and 49 of this bill make conforming changes.]~~

Under existing common-law principles of parliamentary law, the chair of a committee serves as the presiding officer of the committee and may take, direct or require any necessary and reasonable actions to carry out the committee's management, government, budget, meetings and proceedings, subject to the laws and rules governing the committee. In addition, if a vacancy occurs in the position of chair, or if the chair is prohibited or disqualified from participating or acting on a particular matter for any reason or is absent, disabled or otherwise unavailable or unable to carry out the position for any reason, the vice chair of the committee serves as the acting chair, with all the powers, privileges and immunities of the position of chair, until the vacancy is filled or the chair is eligible, available or able to carry out the position again, as applicable. (*Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* §§ 575-579, 608-611 (2020); Luther S. Cushing, *Elements of the Law & Practice of Legislative Assemblies* §§ 287, 308, 313, 314, 1910 (1856); *Hicks v. Long Branch Comm'n*, 55 A. 250, 250-51 (N.J. 1903)) To assist interim committees in conducting their legislative business consistently with existing common-law principles of parliamentary law, **sections 4-6** of this bill codify those existing common-law principles into the statutory provisions that apply to interim committees. (*Welfare Div. v. Maynard*, 84 Nev. 525, 529 (1968) ("A statutory enactment can be simply a legislative pronouncement of already existing law."); *State Gaming Comm'n v. Southwest Sec.*, 108 Nev. 379, 383-84 (1992))

Existing law: (1) establishes Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature that may evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the corresponding standing committees from the preceding regular session of the Legislature, exercise certain investigative powers and, under certain circumstances, conduct studies directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission; (2) provides for the appointment of regular members and ~~alternative~~ **alternate** members to each Joint Interim Standing Committee; and (3) requires the Legislative Commission to select a Chair and a Vice Chair for each Joint Interim Standing Committee. (NRS 218E.320, 218E.330)

**Sections 8-10** of this bill clarify and revise various requirements governing the Joint Interim Standing Committees. **Section 8** of this bill **renames the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources as the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Lands. Sections 1, 15-17, 43 and 47.5 of this bill make conforming changes. Section 8 additionally** requires the appointing authorities to appoint the committee

49 members, ~~for each Joint Interim Standing Committee~~, along with the Chairs and Vice  
50 Chairs, not later than August 31 following the adjournment of each regular session. **Section 8**  
51 also clarifies the length of the terms that the committee members and the Chairs and Vice  
52 Chairs serve while qualified.

53 **Section 9** of this bill authorizes the Joint Interim Standing Committees to begin holding  
54 their meetings on September 1 after the adjournment of each regular session, instead of  
55 November 1 under existing law. **Section 9** provides that if a regular member cannot attend a  
56 meeting of the Committee, an alternate member must ~~be of the same political party as the regular member,~~  
57 ~~and section 9 clarifies that, when acting in place~~ of a regular member, an alternate member has all the powers, privileges and immunities of a  
58 regular member, an alternate member has all the powers, privileges and immunities of a  
59 regular member.

60 Existing law requires that any recommended legislation proposed by a Joint Interim  
61 Standing Committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a  
62 majority of the members of the Assembly serving on the Committee. (NRS 218E.325) **Section**  
63 **9** changes this requirement by providing that any recommended legislation proposed by a  
64 Committee must be approved by a vote in favor of such legislation by at least five members of  
65 the eight-member Committee, regardless of their House.

66 Existing law requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations  
67 and Elections to evaluate and review issues relating to governmental purchasing. (NRS  
68 218E.330) **Section 10** of this bill transfers such duties to the Joint Interim Standing  
69 Committee on Government Affairs. **Section 44** of this bill makes a conforming change to  
70 require that the biennial report on recommendations for legislation relating to government  
71 purchasing be submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs.

72 Existing law creates the Subcommittee on Public Lands of the Joint Interim Standing  
73 Committee on Natural Resources and prescribes the Subcommittee's powers and duties. (NRS  
74 218E.500-218E.525, NRS 321.7355) **Sections 15-17, 43 and 51** of this bill eliminate the  
75 Subcommittee and transfer its powers and duties to the renamed Joint Interim Standing  
76 Committee on Natural Resources, ~~and Public Lands~~. **Section 16 of this bill requires the**  
77 **renamed Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Lands to**  
78 **hold at least three meetings during each legislative interim where the primary physical**  
79 **location of the meeting is located in a different county for each such meeting other than**  
80 **Clark County, Washoe County or Carson City. However, section 16 does not prohibit**  
81 **the use of authorized remote-technology systems for each such meeting, including when**  
82 **necessary to connect the primary physical location of the meeting to additional physical**  
83 **locations for the meeting in Clark County, Washoe County or Carson City.**

84 Existing law creates: (1) the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the  
85 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System; and (2) the  
86 Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs. (NRS  
87 218E.550-218E.570, 218E.745-218E.760) **Sections 18 and 19** of this bill revise the  
88 membership, organization and operations of each Legislative Committee.

89 Existing law creates the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission. (NRS  
90 232B.210-232B.250) **Sections 33-40** of this bill: (1) rename the Sunset Subcommittee as the  
91 Sunset Committee of the Legislature; and (2) revise the membership, organization and  
92 operations of the Sunset Committee.

93 Existing law authorizes Joint Interim Standing Committees and other interim committees  
94 to request the drafting of a certain number of legislative measures for each regular session.  
95 (NRS 218D.160) **Section 1** of this bill revises the number of such requests that may be made  
96 by ~~(1) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; (2) the Joint~~  
97 ~~Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary; (3) the Joint Interim Standing Committee on~~  
98 ~~Natural Resources; and (4) the Sunset Committee of the Legislature.~~

99 Existing law requires the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human  
100 Services to review certain regulations that are proposed or adopted by certain licensing boards  
101 and that are related to health care. (NRS 439B.225) **Section 51** of this bill repeals the

102 requirement that the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services review  
103 such regulations. **Sections 41 and 42** of this bill make conforming changes to eliminate the  
104 requirement that such regulations be submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on  
105 Health and Human Services.

106 Existing law requires a teacher who wishes to serve on the Nevada State Teacher  
107 Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force to submit an application to the Joint Interim  
108 Standing Committee on Education on or before January 15 of an even-numbered year. (NRS  
109 391.494) **Section 46** of this bill moves the due date of the application from January 15 of an  
110 even-numbered year to December 1 of an odd-numbered year.

111 Existing law requires various reports, documents and other information to be compiled by  
112 state or local governmental agencies and then reported to certain legislative committees or  
113 staff. (NRS 193.309, 209.192, 209.461, 209.4818, 332.215, 388.887, 449.242) **Sections 29-**  
114 **32, 44, 45 and 47** of this bill revise those reporting requirements.

115 Under existing law, the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act (Lobbying Act)  
116 prohibits, with certain exceptions, Legislators, legislative officers and legislative staff  
117 members from knowingly or willfully soliciting or accepting any gift from a lobbyist, whether  
118 or not the Legislature is in a regular or special session. (NRS 218H.060, 218H.090, 218H.930)  
119 Under existing exceptions to the gift prohibitions, if Legislators or members of their  
120 households receive anything of value from a lobbyist to undertake or attend any educational or  
121 informational meetings, events or trips, such meetings, events or trips are excluded from the  
122 term “gift” under the Lobbying Act, but the Legislators are required to report the educational  
123 or informational meetings, events or trips on their financial disclosure statements under the  
124 Nevada Financial Disclosure Act (Financial Disclosure Act). (NRS 218H.045, 218H.060,  
125 281.5583, 281.571)

126 **Sections 20-27** of this bill create exceptions for legislative committee investigative  
127 meetings, events or trips. **Section 22** of this bill defines a “legislative committee investigative  
128 meeting, event or trip” to include any meetings, events or trips that the chair of a legislative  
129 committee authorizes as official meetings, events or trips of the committee in order for the  
130 members of the committee and legislative staff members to investigate or otherwise receive  
131 any education or information on matters that are pertinent to the committee’s legislative  
132 business or possible future legislative action. Based on the exceptions in **sections 24 and 26**  
133 of this bill, such legislative committee investigative meetings, events or trips are not required  
134 to be reported on financial disclosure statements under the Financial Disclosure Act. (NRS  
135 281.5583, 281.5585)

136 **Sections 24 and 26** also make the existing exceptions for educational or informational  
137 meetings, events or trips applicable to: (1) legislative officers, such as the Secretary of the  
138 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly; and (2) legislative staff members but only if such  
139 staff members have the approval of their chief administrative supervisors to undertake or  
140 attend the educational or informational meetings, events or trips. Because the Financial  
141 Disclosure Act applies to legislative officers, such as the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief  
142 Clerk of the Assembly, and to certain senior staff members of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,  
143 such as the Director and the chiefs of the divisions, they are required to report the educational  
144 or informational meetings, events or trips on financial disclosure statements. By contrast, if  
145 rank-and-file legislative staff members have the approval of their chief administrative  
146 supervisors to undertake or attend any educational or informational meetings, events or trips,  
147 they are not required to report the educational or informational meetings, events or trips on  
148 financial disclosure statements, unless they qualify as a public officer or candidate or a  
149 member of a public officer’s or candidate’s household for the purposes of the Financial  
150 Disclosure Act. (NRS 281.005, 281.558, 281.5583, 281.5587)

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**Section 1 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

**Section 1.** NRS 218D.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218D.160 1. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Legislative Commission, which relate to the affairs of the Legislature or its employees, including legislative measures requested by the legislative staff.

2. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures before the first day of a regular session, with the approval of the Committee, which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

3. Except as otherwise provided by a specific statute, joint rule or concurrent resolution:

(a) ~~Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), a~~ A Joint Interim Standing Committee may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee ~~— (b) The~~, unless another provision in this subsection authorizes a different number of requests for a specific Joint Interim Standing Committee.

(b) In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may also request the drafting of not more than ~~[15] 5~~ legislative measures ~~[which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least 5 of which must relate to matters] relating to child welfare.~~

~~(c) [The, unless another provision in this subsection authorizes a different number of requests for a specific Joint Interim Standing Committee.~~

~~(b) In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary may also request the drafting of not more ~~[15] than 5~~ legislative measures ~~[which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least 5 of which must relate to matters relating to child welfare and not more than 5 legislative measures] relating to juvenile justice.~~~~

(d) [The] In addition to the number of requests authorized pursuant to paragraph (a), the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Lands may also request the drafting of not more than ~~[14] 4~~ legislative measures ~~[which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, at least 4 of which must relate to matters] relating to public lands . [based on the recommendations for legislation submitted by the Subcommittee on Public Lands pursuant to NRS 218E.525.]~~

~~(e) [e)]~~ Any legislative committee created by a statute, other than the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 , the Sunset Committee of the Legislature created by NRS 232B.210 or an interim legislative committee, may request the drafting of not more than 10 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the committee.

~~(f) [d)]~~ The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs created by NRS 218E.750 may request the drafting of not more than 6 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

(g) [e)] The Sunset Committee of the Legislature created by NRS 232B.210 may request the drafting of not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee, except that the Committee may

1 *request the drafting of additional legislative measures if the Legislative*  
 2 *Commission approves each additional request by a majority vote.*

3 ~~[(f)]~~ *(h)* Any committee or subcommittee established by an order of the  
 4 Legislative Commission pursuant to NRS 218E.200 may request the drafting of not  
 5 more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the  
 6 study or investigation, except that such a committee or subcommittee may request  
 7 the drafting of additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission  
 8 approves each additional request by a majority vote.

9 ~~[(h)]~~ ~~[(g)]~~ *(i)* Any other committee established by the Legislature which  
 10 conducts an interim legislative study or investigation may request the drafting of  
 11 not more than 5 legislative measures which relate to matters within the scope of the  
 12 study or investigation.

13 *↳* The requests authorized pursuant to this subsection must be submitted to the  
 14 Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding a regular session unless  
 15 the Legislative Commission authorizes submitting a request after that date.

16 4. Each request made pursuant to this section must be on a form prescribed by  
 17 the Legislative Counsel.

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**Section 2 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

18 **Sec. 2.** ~~[Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new~~  
 19 ~~section to read as follows:~~

20 ~~— 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, if at the expiration of a~~  
 21 ~~Legislator's current term of office, the Legislator will be prohibited from serving~~  
 22 ~~again in his or her current House because of the limitations on the number of~~  
 23 ~~years of service pursuant to Section 3 or 4 of Article 4 of the Nevada~~  
 24 ~~Constitution, as applicable, the Legislator is not eligible to be appointed,~~  
 25 ~~designated or selected as the chair or vice chair of a committee, or serve in either~~  
 26 ~~position, during the legislative interim period that:~~

27 ~~— (a) Begins immediately after adjournment sine die of the last regular session~~  
 28 ~~in which the Legislator is eligible to serve in his or her current House; and~~

29 ~~— (b) Ends at the expiration of the Legislator's current term of office in that~~  
 30 ~~House.~~

31 ~~— 2. The provisions of this section apply to a Legislator whether or not the~~  
 32 ~~Legislator is eligible to serve in or becomes a candidate for a seat in the other~~  
 33 ~~House during his or her current term of office, except that the provisions of this~~  
 34 ~~section do not apply to a Legislator who is appointed to fill a vacancy in the other~~  
 35 ~~House before the expiration of his or her current term of office.~~

36 ~~— 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to the position of Chair or~~  
 37 ~~Vice Chair of the Legislative Commission.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

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**Section 3 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

38 **Sec. 3.** ~~[NRS 218E.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

39 ~~218E.105 As used in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, and section 2 of~~  
 40 ~~this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS~~  
 41 ~~218E.110, 218E.115 and 218E.120 have the meanings ascribed to them in those~~  
 42 ~~sections.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

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**Section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

1       **Sec. 5.** NRS 218E.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2       218E.125 1. The provisions of NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, ~~and~~  
3 ~~section 2 of this act,~~ are intended to supplement the other provisions of this  
4 chapter and any other ~~[law]~~ *laws or rules* governing the legislative proceedings of a  
5 committee, *including, without limitation, any applicable principles of*  
6 *parliamentary law*, and the provisions of NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive,  
7 ~~and section 2 of this act,~~ do not limit the application of such other ~~[provisions.]~~  
8 *legal authorities.*

9       2. The powers, privileges and immunities granted by the provisions of NRS  
10 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, ~~and section 2 of this act,~~ are in addition to any  
11 other powers, privileges and immunities recognized by ~~[law]~~ *any other laws or*  
12 *rules, including, without limitation, any applicable principles of parliamentary*  
13 *law*, and all such powers, privileges and immunities are cumulative, so that the  
14 application or attempted application of any one does not bar the application or  
15 attempted application of any other.

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**Section 6 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

16       **Sec. 6.** NRS 218E.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17       218E.130 1. A committee may conduct investigations and hold hearings  
18 regarding any matter which is pertinent to its legislative business or possible future  
19 legislative action and may exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS  
20 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive, ~~[and section 2 of this act.]~~

21       2. The secretary of the committee or any member of the committee may  
22 administer oaths to witnesses who appear before the committee.

23       3. The chair of the committee, or the secretary of the committee on behalf of  
24 the chair, may cause the deposition of witnesses to be taken, whether the witnesses  
25 reside within or without the State, in the manner prescribed by court rules for taking  
26 depositions in civil actions in the district court.

27       4. *The chair of the committee may take, direct or require any necessary and*  
28 *reasonable actions to carry out the committee's management, government,*  
29 *budget, meetings and proceedings, subject to the laws and rules governing the*  
30 *committee, including, without limitation, any applicable principles of*  
31 *parliamentary law.*

32       5. *If a vacancy occurs in the position of chair of the committee, or if the*  
33 *chair is prohibited or disqualified from participating or acting on a particular*  
34 *matter for any reason or is absent, disabled or otherwise unavailable or unable to*  
35 *carry out the position for any reason, the vice chair of the committee shall serve*  
36 *as the acting chair, with all the powers, privileges and immunities of the position*  
37 *of chair, until the vacancy is filled or the chair is eligible, available or able to*  
38 *carry out the position again, as applicable.*



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**Section 7 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

**Sec. 7.** ~~[NRS 218E.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~218E.240 1. There is hereby created an Audit Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission consisting of five members.~~

~~2. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall:~~

~~(a) Appoint the members of the Audit Subcommittee from among the members of the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee; and~~

~~(b) [Designate] **Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, designate** one of the members of the Audit Subcommittee as Chair.~~

~~3. The Chair of the Legislative Commission shall designate five Legislators from among the members of the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee to serve as alternates for the members of the Audit Subcommittee.~~

~~4. The Legislative Auditor or a member of the staff of the Audit Division appointed by the Legislative Auditor shall serve as Secretary of the Audit Subcommittee.~~

~~5. The Audit Subcommittee shall meet at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair.~~

~~6. Three members of the Audit Subcommittee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the Audit Subcommittee.] **(Deleted by amendment.)**~~

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**Section 8 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

**Sec. 8.** NRS 218E.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.320 1. There are hereby created the following Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature:

(a) Commerce and Labor;

(b) Education;

(c) Government Affairs;

(d) Growth and Infrastructure;

(e) Health and Human Services;

(f) Judiciary;

(g) Legislative Operations and Elections;

(h) Natural Resources ~~[+] **and Public Lands;**~~ and

(i) Revenue.

2. Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session ~~[+] **and not later than August 31 immediately following such adjournment:**~~

(a) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and two members of the Assembly as alternate members of each Committee.

(b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint two members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and one member of the Assembly as an alternate member of each Committee.

(c) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two Senators as regular members of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee.

1 (d) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one Senator as a regular  
2 member of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each  
3 Committee.

4 3. Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker of the Assembly,  
5 the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and  
6 Assembly shall consult so that, to the extent practicable:

7 (a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim  
8 Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing committee or  
9 committees during the preceding regular session.

10 (b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim  
11 Standing Committee are members of the same political party.

12 4. ~~The~~ ~~Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, the~~ Legislative  
13 Commission shall ~~select~~ **appoint** the Chair and Vice Chair of each Joint Interim  
14 Standing Committee from among the members of the Committee ~~and shall~~  
15 **make such appointments as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each**  
16 **regular session and not later than August 31 immediately following such**  
17 **adjournment.** The Chair must be appointed from one House of the Legislature and  
18 the Vice Chair from the other House. The position of Chair must alternate each  
19 biennium between the Houses of the Legislature. ~~Each of those officers~~

20 5. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section, and section 2 of this act,~~  
21 **each Chair and Vice Chair** holds the position, **while qualified,** until a successor is  
22 appointed after the next regular session. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Chair  
23 or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original  
24 ~~selection~~ **appointment** for the remainder of the unexpired term.

25 ~~§~~ 6. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of a Joint~~  
26 **Interim Standing Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee,**  
27 **while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session.** The  
28 membership of any member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not  
29 become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on  
30 the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or  
31 the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be, may appoint a  
32 member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

33 ~~§~~ 7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the  
34 same manner as original appointments.

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**Section 9 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

35 **Sec. 9.** NRS 218E.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 218E.325 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission,  
37 the members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee shall meet not earlier than  
38 ~~November 1 of each odd numbered year~~ **September 1 immediately following the**  
39 **adjournment of each regular session** and not later than August 31 of the following  
40 even-numbered year at the times and places specified by a call of the Chair ~~or a~~  
41 **majority of the Committee.**

42 2. The Director or his or her designee shall act as the nonvoting recording  
43 Secretary of each Joint Interim Standing Committee.

44 3. Five members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee constitute a quorum,  
45 and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the  
46 Committee, except that any recommended legislation proposed by ~~the~~ **the**  
47 Committee must be approved by a ~~majority of the members of the Senate and a~~

1 ~~majority of the members of the Assembly serving on~~ vote in favor of such  
2 legislation by at least five members of the Committee.

3 4. All requests for the drafting of recommended legislation approved by a  
4 Joint Interim Standing Committee must be made in accordance with NRS  
5 218D.160.

6 5. If an alternate member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee attends a  
7 meeting of the Committee in place of a regular member who cannot attend the  
8 meeting, the alternate member who attends the meeting must ~~to the extent~~  
9 ~~practicable,~~ be of the same political party as the regular member. When acting in  
10 place of a regular member, an alternate member has all the powers, privileges  
11 and immunities of a regular member.

12 6. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day  
13 during which a member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee attends a meeting of  
14 the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the work of the Committee, the member  
15 is entitled to receive the:

16 (a) Compensation provided for a majority of the members of the Legislature  
17 during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

18 (b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally;  
19 and

20 (c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

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22 7. The compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the  
23 members of a *Joint Interim Standing* Committee must be paid from the Legislative  
24 Fund.

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**Section 10 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

25 **Sec. 10.** NRS 218E.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 218E.330 1. A Joint Interim Standing Committee may:

27 (a) Evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the corresponding  
28 standing committee or committees from the preceding regular session;

29 (b) Exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to  
30 218E.140, inclusive; ~~{, and section 2 of this act,}~~ and

31 (c) Within the limits of the Committee's budget, conduct studies directed by  
32 the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.

33 2. In addition to the authorized scope of issues set forth in paragraph (a) of  
34 subsection 1:

35 (a) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
36 shall, either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee,  
37 evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare.

38 (b) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary shall, either as part  
39 of its regular work or through appointment of a subcommittee, evaluate and review  
40 issues relating to ~~{child welfare and}~~ juvenile justice.

41 (c) ~~{(b)}~~ The Joint Interim Standing Committee on ~~{Legislative Operations and~~  
42 ~~{Elections}~~ Government Affairs may evaluate and review issues relating to  
43 governmental purchasing, including, without limitation, recommendations  
44 submitted to the Joint Interim Standing Committee by the Commission to Study  
45 Governmental Purchasing pursuant to NRS 332.215.

1           3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work  
2 program of each Joint Interim Standing Committee and any changes to the budget  
3 or work program.

4           4. A Joint Interim Standing Committee shall prepare a comprehensive report  
5 of the Committee's activities in the interim and its findings and any  
6 recommendations for proposed legislation. The report must be submitted to the  
7 Director for distribution to the next regular session.

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**Section 11 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

8           **Sec. 11.** ~~[NRS 218E.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

9 ~~218E.400 1. There is hereby created in the Legislative Counsel Bureau an~~  
10 ~~Interim Finance Committee. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the~~  
11 ~~Interim Finance Committee is composed of the members of the Assembly Standing~~  
12 ~~Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance~~  
13 ~~during the current or immediately preceding regular session.~~

14 ~~2. Except as otherwise provided in [this subsection, the] subsections 3 and 4:~~  
15 ~~(a) The immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance is~~  
16 ~~the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee for the period ending with the~~  
17 ~~convening of each even-numbered regular session [.]~~

18 ~~(b) The immediate past Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways~~  
19 ~~and Means is the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee during the next~~  
20 ~~legislative interim [, and the] ; and~~

21 ~~(c) The position of Chair of the Interim Finance Committee alternates~~  
22 ~~between the Houses according to this pattern:~~

23 ~~3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, if the immediate past Chair~~  
24 ~~of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance or the Assembly Standing~~  
25 ~~Committee on Ways and Means, as applicable, is not eligible to serve as the Chair~~  
26 ~~of the Interim Finance Committee pursuant to section 2 of this act, the position~~  
27 ~~of Chair of the Interim Finance Committee must be appointed as follows:~~

28 ~~(a) If the position is entitled to be filled by the Senate for that legislative~~  
29 ~~interim, the Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint an eligible immediate~~  
30 ~~past member of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance as the Chair of the~~  
31 ~~Interim Finance Committee.~~

32 ~~(b) If the position is entitled to be filled by the Assembly for that legislative~~  
33 ~~interim, the Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint an eligible immediate past~~  
34 ~~member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means as the Chair~~  
35 ~~of the Interim Finance Committee.~~

36 ~~4. The term of the Chair of the Interim Finance Committee terminates if a~~  
37 ~~new Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means or the Senate~~  
38 ~~Standing Committee on Finance, as the case may be, is designated for the next~~  
39 ~~regular session, in which case that person so designated serves as the Chair of the~~  
40 ~~Interim Finance Committee until the convening of that regular session.~~

41 ~~[3.] 5. If any regular member of the Interim Finance Committee informs the~~  
42 ~~Secretary that the member will be unable to attend a particular meeting, the~~  
43 ~~Secretary shall notify the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the~~  
44 ~~Senate, as the case may be, to appoint an alternate for that meeting from the same~~  
45 ~~House and political party as the absent member.~~

46 ~~[4.] 6. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [5.] 7, the term of a~~  
47 ~~member of the Interim Finance Committee expires upon the convening of the next~~

1 ~~regular session unless the member is replaced by the appointing authority. If the~~  
2 ~~Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate~~  
3 ~~designates members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means or~~  
4 ~~the Senate Standing Committee on Finance, as applicable, for the next regular~~  
5 ~~session, the designated members become members of the Interim Finance~~  
6 ~~Committee. A member may be reappointed.~~

7 ~~— [5.] 7. The membership of any member who does not become a candidate for~~  
8 ~~reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the~~  
9 ~~general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader~~  
10 ~~designate of the Senate, as the case may be, shall appoint an alternate to fill the~~  
11 ~~vacancy on the Interim Finance Committee. Except as otherwise provided in this~~  
12 ~~subsection, each alternate serves on the Interim Finance Committee.~~

13 ~~— (a) If the alternate is a member of the Assembly, until the Speaker designate of~~  
14 ~~the Assembly designates the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on~~  
15 ~~Ways and Means for the next regular session or appoints a different alternate.~~

16 ~~— (b) If the alternate is a member of the Senate, until the Majority Leader~~  
17 ~~designate of the Senate designates the members of the Senate Standing Committee~~  
18 ~~on Finance for the next regular session or appoints a different alternate.~~

19 ~~— [6.] 8. The Director shall act as the Secretary of the Interim Finance~~  
20 ~~Committee.~~

21 ~~— [7.] 9. A majority of the members of the Assembly Standing Committee on~~  
22 ~~Ways and Means and a majority of the members of the Senate Standing Committee~~  
23 ~~on Finance, jointly, may call a meeting of the Interim Finance Committee if the~~  
24 ~~Chair does not do so.~~

25 ~~— [8.] 10. In all matters requiring action by the Interim Finance Committee, the~~  
26 ~~vote of the Assembly members and the Senate members must be taken separately.~~  
27 ~~No action may be taken unless it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the~~  
28 ~~Assembly members and a majority of the Senate members.~~

29 ~~— [9.] 11. The Interim Finance Committee may conduct investigations and hold~~  
30 ~~hearings in connection with its functions and duties and exercise any of the~~  
31 ~~investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive [~~  
32 ~~— 10.], and section 2 of this act.~~

33 ~~— 12. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day~~  
34 ~~during which a member of the Interim Finance Committee and appointed alternate~~  
35 ~~attends a meeting of the Interim Finance Committee or is otherwise engaged in the~~  
36 ~~business of the Interim Finance Committee, the member or appointed alternate is~~  
37 ~~entitled to receive:~~

38 ~~— (a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first~~  
39 ~~60 days of the preceding regular session;~~

40 ~~— (b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees~~  
41 ~~generally; and~~

42 ~~— (c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.~~

43 ~~— [11.] 13. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses~~  
44 ~~must be paid from the Contingency Fund in the State Treasury.] **(Deleted by**~~  
45 ~~**amendment.)**~~

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**Section 12 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

1        **Sec. 12.** ~~[NRS 218E.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

2        ~~218E.405 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the Interim~~  
3 ~~Finance Committee may exercise the powers conferred upon it by law only when~~  
4 ~~the Legislature is not in a regular or special session.~~

5        ~~2. During a regular or special session, the Interim Finance Committee may~~  
6 ~~also perform the duties imposed on it by NRS 228.111, subsection 5 of NRS~~  
7 ~~284.115, NRS 285.070, subsection 2 of NRS 321.335, NRS 322.007, subsection 2~~  
8 ~~of NRS 323.020, NRS 323.050, subsection 1 of NRS 323.100, subsection 2 of NRS~~  
9 ~~341.126, NRS 341.142, paragraph (f) of subsection 1 of NRS 341.145, subsection 3~~  
10 ~~of NRS 349.073, NRS 353.220, 353.224, 353.2705 to 353.2771, inclusive, 353.288,~~  
11 ~~353.335, 353C.224, 353C.226, paragraph (b) of subsection 4 of NRS 407.0762,~~  
12 ~~NRS 428.375, 433.732, 439.4905, 439.620, 439.630, 445B.830, subsection 1 of~~  
13 ~~NRS 445C.320 and NRS 538.650. In performing those duties, the Senate Standing~~  
14 ~~Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means~~  
15 ~~may meet separately and transmit the results of their respective votes to the Chair of~~  
16 ~~the Interim Finance Committee to determine the action of the Interim Finance~~  
17 ~~Committee as a whole.~~

18        ~~3. The Chair of the Interim Finance Committee may appoint a subcommittee~~  
19 ~~consisting of six members of the Committee to review and make recommendations~~  
20 ~~to the Committee on matters of the State Public Works Division of the Department~~  
21 ~~of Administration that require prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee~~  
22 ~~pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 341.126, NRS 341.142 and paragraph (f) of~~  
23 ~~subsection 1 of NRS 341.145. If the Chair appoints such a subcommittee:~~

24        ~~(a) [The] Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act, the Chair shall~~  
25 ~~designate one of the members of the subcommittee to serve as the chair of the~~  
26 ~~subcommittee;~~

27        ~~(b) The subcommittee shall meet throughout the year at the times and places~~  
28 ~~specified by the call of the chair of the subcommittee; and~~

29        ~~(c) The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the nonvoting recording~~  
30 ~~secretary of the subcommittee.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

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**Section 13 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

31        **Sec. 13.** ~~[NRS 218E.420 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

32        ~~218E.420 1. There is hereby created an Interim Retirement and Benefits~~  
33 ~~Committee of the Legislature to:~~

34        ~~(a) Review the operation of the Public Employees' Retirement System, the~~  
35 ~~Judicial Retirement System established pursuant to chapter 1A of NRS and the~~  
36 ~~Public Employees' Benefits Program; and~~

37        ~~(b) Make recommendations to the Public Employees' Retirement Board and~~  
38 ~~the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program, the Legislative Commission~~  
39 ~~and the Legislature.~~

40        ~~2. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee consists of six members~~  
41 ~~appointed as follows:~~

1 ~~— (a) Three members of the Senate, one of whom is the *immediate past* Chair of~~  
2 ~~the *Senate Standing* Committee on Finance during the preceding regular session~~  
3 ~~and two of whom are appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.~~

4 ~~— (b) Three members of the Assembly, one of whom is the *immediate past* Chair~~  
5 ~~of the *Assembly Standing* Committee on Ways and Means during the preceding~~  
6 ~~regular session and two of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.~~

7 ~~— 2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work~~  
8 ~~program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.~~

9 ~~— 4. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5:*~~

10 ~~— (a) The immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance is~~  
11 ~~the Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee for the period ending~~  
12 ~~with the convening of each odd-numbered regular session [;];~~

13 ~~— (b) The immediate past Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways~~  
14 ~~and Means is the Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee during~~  
15 ~~the next legislative interim [, and the]; and~~

16 ~~— (c) The position of Chair of the *Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee*~~  
17 ~~alternates between the Houses according to this pattern:~~

18 ~~— 5. *If the immediate past Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on*~~  
19 ~~*Finance or the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means, as applicable,*~~  
20 ~~*is not eligible to serve as the Chair of the Interim Retirement and Benefits*~~  
21 ~~*Committee pursuant to section 2 of this act, the position of Chair of the Interim*~~  
22 ~~*Retirement and Benefits Committee must be appointed as follows:*~~

23 ~~— (a) *If the position is entitled to be filled by the Senate for that legislative*~~  
24 ~~*interim, the Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint an eligible immediate*~~  
25 ~~*past member of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance as the Chair of the*~~  
26 ~~*Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee.*~~

27 ~~— (b) *If the position is entitled to be filled by the Assembly for that legislative*~~  
28 ~~*interim, the Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint an eligible immediate past*~~  
29 ~~*member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means as the Chair*~~  
30 ~~*of the Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee.*~~

31 ~~— 6. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee may exercise the powers~~  
32 ~~conferred on it by law only when the Legislature is not in a regular or special~~  
33 ~~session and shall meet at the call of the Chair.~~

34 ~~— [6.] 7. The Interim Retirement and Benefits Committee may conduct~~  
35 ~~investigations and hold hearings in connection with its functions and duties and~~  
36 ~~exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140,~~  
37 ~~inclusive [;~~

38 ~~— 7.], and section 2 of this act.~~

39 ~~— 8. The Director shall provide a Secretary for the Interim Retirement and~~  
40 ~~Benefits Committee.~~

41 ~~— [8.] 9. For each day or portion of a day during which members of the Interim~~  
42 ~~Retirement and Benefits Committee attend a meeting of the Interim Retirement and~~  
43 ~~Benefits Committee or are otherwise engaged in the business of the Interim~~  
44 ~~Retirement and Benefits Committee, the members are entitled to receive:~~

45 ~~— (a) The compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first~~  
46 ~~60 days of the preceding regular session;~~

47 ~~— (b) The per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees~~  
48 ~~generally; and~~

49 ~~— (c) The travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.~~

50 ~~— [9.] 10. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must~~  
51 ~~be paid from the Legislative Fund.] **(Deleted by amendment.)**~~

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**Section 14 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

1        **Sec. 14.** ~~NRS 218E.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

2        ~~218E.440 - 1. If:~~

3        ~~(a) The Legislature, by concurrent resolution, during a regular session; or~~

4        ~~(b) The Interim Finance Committee, by resolution, while the Legislature is not~~  
 5 ~~in a regular session;~~

6 ~~— determines that the performance of a fundamental review of the base budget of a~~  
 7 ~~particular agency is necessary, the Interim Finance Committee shall create a~~  
 8 ~~legislative committee for the fundamental review of the base budgets of state~~  
 9 ~~agencies;~~

10        ~~2. The Interim Finance Committee:~~

11        ~~(a) May create more than one such committee if the number of agencies~~  
 12 ~~designated for review warrants additional committees; and~~

13        ~~(b) If more than one such committee is created, shall determine which agencies~~  
 14 ~~are to be reviewed by the respective committees.~~

15        ~~3. For each such committee, the Interim Finance Committee shall:~~

16        ~~(a) Appoint all the members;~~

17        ~~(b) Appoint an equal number of members from the Senate and the Assembly;~~

18        ~~(c) Appoint at least a majority of the members from the Interim Finance~~  
 19 ~~Committee; and~~

20        ~~(d) [Designate] *Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of this act,*~~  
 21 ~~designate the chair.~~

22        ~~4. Any member of a committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is~~  
 23 ~~defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next~~  
 24 ~~regular or special session convenes.~~

25        ~~5. Vacancies on a committee must be filled in the same manner as original~~  
 26 ~~appointments.~~

27        ~~6. A majority of the members appointed to a committee constitutes a quorum.~~

28        ~~7. The Director shall assign employees of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to~~  
 29 ~~provide such technical, clerical and operational assistance to a committee as the~~  
 30 ~~functions and operations of the committee may require.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

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**Section 15 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

31        **Sec. 15.** NRS 218E.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32        218E.500 The Legislature finds and declares that:

33        1. Policies and issues relating to public lands and state sovereignty as  
 34 impaired by federal ownership of land are matters of continuing concern to this  
 35 State.

36        2. This concern necessarily includes an awareness that all federal statutes,  
 37 policies and regulations which affect the management of public lands are likely to  
 38 have extensive effects within the State and must not be ignored or automatically  
 39 dismissed as beyond the reach of the state's policymakers.

40        3. Experience with federal regulations relating to public lands has  
 41 demonstrated that the State of Nevada and its citizens are subjected to regulations  
 42 which sometimes are unreasonable, arbitrary, beyond the intent of the Congress or  
 43 the scope of the authority of the agency adopting them and that as a result these



1 regulations should be subjected to legislative review and comment, and judicially  
 2 tested where appropriate, to protect the rights and interests of the State and its  
 3 citizens.

4 4. Other western states where public lands comprise a large proportion of the  
 5 total area have shown an interest in matters relating to public lands and those states,  
 6 along with Nevada, have been actively participating in cooperative efforts to  
 7 acquire, evaluate and share information and promote greater understanding of the  
 8 issues. Since Nevada can both contribute to and benefit from such interstate  
 9 activities, it is appropriate that ~~[a subcommittee on matters relating to public lands]~~  
 10 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Lands be  
 11 assigned primary responsibility for participating in them.

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**Section 16 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

12 **Sec. 16.** NRS 218E.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 218E.520 1. ~~[The Subcommittee]~~ During each legislative interim, the Joint  
 14 Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Lands must hold  
 15 at least three meetings where the primary physical location for the meeting is:

16 (a) Located in a different county for each such meeting; and

17 (b) Not located in Clark County, Washoe County or Carson City for each  
 18 such meeting.

19 ↳ except that this subsection does not prohibit any additional physical locations  
 20 for such a meeting from being located in Clark County, Washoe County or  
 21 Carson City and connected to the primary physical location for the meeting  
 22 through the use of any authorized remote-technology system or otherwise  
 23 prohibit the use of any authorized remote-technology system for such a meeting.  
 24 As used in this subsection, "authorized remote-technology system" has the  
 25 meaning ascribed to it in NRS 218A.806.

26 2. In addition to any other powers or duties, the Committee may:

27 (a) Review and comment on any administrative policy, rule or regulation of  
 28 the:

29 (1) Secretary of the Interior which pertains to policy concerning or  
 30 management of public lands under the control of the Federal Government; and

31 (2) Secretary of Agriculture which pertains to policy concerning or  
 32 management of national forests;

33 (b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its review,  
 34 including, but not limited to, investigating the effect on the State, its citizens,  
 35 political subdivisions, businesses and industries of those policies, rules, regulations  
 36 and related laws, and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS  
 37 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive ~~; and section 2 of this act;~~

38 (c) Consult with and advise the State Land Use Planning Agency on matters  
 39 concerning federal land use, policies and activities in this State;

40 (d) Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to assist in its research,  
 41 investigations, review and comment;

42 (e) Recommend to the Legislature as a result of its review any appropriate state  
 43 legislation or corrective federal legislation;

44 (f) Advise the Attorney General if it believes that any federal policy, rule or  
 45 regulation which it has reviewed encroaches on the sovereignty respecting land or  
 46 water or their use which has been reserved to the State pursuant to the Constitution  
 47 of the United States;

1 (g) Enter into a contract for consulting services for land planning and any other  
2 related activities, including, but not limited to:

3 (1) Advising the ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* and the State Land Use  
4 Planning Agency concerning the revision of the plans pursuant to NRS 321.7355;

5 (2) Assisting local governments in the identification of lands administered  
6 by the Federal Government in this State which are needed for residential or  
7 economic development or any other purpose; and

8 (3) Assisting local governments in the acquisition of federal lands in this  
9 State;

10 (h) Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations to  
11 assist the ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* in carrying out its duties; and

12 (i) Review and comment on any other matter relating to the preservation,  
13 conservation, use, management or disposal of public lands deemed appropriate by  
14 the Chair of the ~~{Subcommittee}~~ *Committee* or by a majority of the members of the  
15 ~~{Subcommittee.}~~ *Committee.*

16 ~~12~~ 3. Any reference in this section to federal policies, rules, regulations and  
17 related federal laws includes those which are proposed as well as those which are  
18 enacted or adopted.

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**Section 17 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

19 **Sec. 17.** NRS 218E.525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 218E.525 1. ~~{The Subcommittee}~~ *In addition to any other powers or*  
21 *duties, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public*  
22 *Lands shall:*

23 (a) Actively support the efforts of state and local governments in the western  
24 states regarding public lands and state sovereignty as impaired by federal  
25 ownership of land.

26 (b) Advance knowledge and understanding in local, regional and national  
27 forums of Nevada's unique situation with respect to public lands.

28 (c) Support legislation that will enhance state and local roles in the  
29 management of public lands and will increase the disposal of public lands.

30 2. ~~{The Subcommittee.}~~ *In addition to any other powers or duties, the*  
31 *Committee:*

32 (a) Shall review the programs and activities of:

33 (1) The Colorado River Commission of Nevada;

34 (2) All public water authorities, districts and systems in the State of  
35 Nevada, including, without limitation, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the  
36 Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Virgin Valley Water District, the Carson  
37 Water Subconservancy District, the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority and the  
38 Truckee-Carson Irrigation District; and

39 (3) All other public or private entities with which any county in the State  
40 has an agreement regarding the planning, development or distribution of water  
41 resources, or any combination thereof; *and*

42 (b) ~~{Shall submit recommendations for legislation to the Joint Interim Standing~~  
43 ~~Committee on Natural Resources;~~

44 ~~—(c) Shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the~~  
45 ~~Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources for transmittal to the~~  
46 ~~Legislature a report concerning the review conducted pursuant to paragraph (a); and~~

1 ~~(d)~~ May review and comment on other issues relating to water resources in  
2 this State, including, without limitation:

3 (1) The laws, regulations and policies regulating the use, allocation and  
4 management of water in this State; and

5 (2) The status of existing information and studies relating to water use,  
6 surface water resources and groundwater resources in this State.

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**Section 39 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

7 **Sec. 39.** NRS 232B.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 232B.240 1. The Sunset ~~Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission~~  
9 *Committee* shall conduct public hearings for the purpose of obtaining comments on,  
10 and may require the Legislative Counsel Bureau to submit reports on, the need for  
11 the termination, modification, consolidation or continued operation of a board or  
12 commission.

13 2. The ~~Sunset Subcommittee~~ *Committee* shall consider any report submitted  
14 to it by the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

15 3. *The Committee may exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in*  
16 *NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive.*

17 4. A board or commission has the burden of proving that there is a public  
18 need for its continued existence.

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**Section 43 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

19 **Sec. 43.** NRS 321.7355 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 321.7355 1. The State Land Use Planning Agency may prepare, in  
21 cooperation with appropriate federal and state agencies and local governments  
22 throughout the State, plans or statements of policy concerning the administration of  
23 lands in the State of Nevada that are under federal management. The plans or  
24 statements of policy must not include matters concerning zoning or the division of  
25 land and must be consistent with local plans and regulations concerning the use of  
26 private property.

27 2. The State Land Use Planning Agency shall:

28 (a) Encourage public comment upon the various matters treated in a proposed  
29 plan or statement of policy throughout its preparation and incorporate such  
30 comments into the proposed plan or statement of policy as are appropriate;

31 (b) Submit its work on a plan or statement of policy periodically for review and  
32 comment by the Land Use Planning Advisory Council and ~~the Subcommittee on~~  
33 ~~Public Lands of~~ the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources ~~and~~  
34 *and Public Lands;* and

35 (c) Provide written responses to written comments received from a county or  
36 city upon the various matters treated in a proposed plan or statement of policy.

37 3. Whenever the State Land Use Planning Agency prepares plans or  
38 statements of policy pursuant to subsection 1 and submits those plans or statements  
39 of policy to the Governor, the Legislature, ~~the Subcommittee on Public Lands of~~  
40 the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources *and Public Lands* or  
41 an agency of the Federal Government, the State Land Use Planning Agency shall

1 include with each plan or statement of policy the comments and recommendations  
2 of:

3 (a) The Land Use Planning Advisory Council; and

4 (b) The ~~Subcommittee on Public Lands of the~~ Joint Interim Standing  
5 Committee on Natural Resources ~~and~~ and Public Lands.

6 4. A plan or statement of policy must be approved by the governing bodies of  
7 the county and cities affected by it before it is put into effect.

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**NEW section 47.5 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby added as follows:**

8 **Sec. 47.5. NRS 459.0094 is hereby amended to read as follows:**

9 459.0094 The Executive Director shall:

10 1. Appoint, with the consent of the Commission, an Administrator of each  
11 Division of the Agency.

12 2. Advise the Commission on matters relating to the potential disposal of  
13 radioactive waste in this State.

14 3. Evaluate the potentially adverse effects of a facility for the disposal of  
15 radioactive waste in this State.

16 4. Consult frequently with local governments and state agencies that may be  
17 affected by a facility for the disposal of radioactive waste and appropriate  
18 legislative committees.

19 5. Assist local governments in their dealings with the Department of Energy  
20 and its contractors on matters relating to radioactive waste.

21 6. Carry out the duties imposed on the State by 42 U.S.C. §§ 10101 to 10226,  
22 inclusive, as those sections existed on July 1, 1995.

23 7. Cooperate with any governmental agency or other person to carry out the  
24 provisions of NRS 459.009 to 459.0098, inclusive.

25 8. Provide semiannual written reports to the Joint Interim Standing  
26 Committees on Government Affairs, Growth and Infrastructure, Health and Human  
27 Services and Natural Resources ~~and~~ and Public Lands. The reports must contain:

28 (a) A summary of the status of the activities undertaken by the Agency since  
29 the previous report;

30 (b) A description of all contracts the Agency has with natural persons or  
31 organizations, including, but not limited to, the name of the recipient of each  
32 contract, the amount of the contract, the duties to be performed under the contract,  
33 the manner in which the contract assists the Agency in achieving its goals and  
34 responsibilities and the status of the performance of the terms of the contract;

35 (c) The status of any litigation relating to the goals and responsibilities of the  
36 Agency to which the State of Nevada is a party; and

37 (d) Any other information requested by any of the Committees.

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**Section 49 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

38 **Sec. 49.** ~~[The provisions of section 2 of this act apply to any Legislator who,~~  
39 ~~at the expiration of his or her current term of office, will be prohibited from serving~~  
40 ~~again in his or her current House because of the limitations on the number of years~~  
41 ~~of service pursuant to Section 3 or 4 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution, as~~

1 ~~applicable, whether or not the Legislator's current term of office began before the~~  
2 ~~effective date of this act.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

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**Section 50 of Assembly Bill No. 243 First Reprint is hereby amended as follows:**

3       **Sec. 50.** 1. If the provisions of any other statute or any other act or  
4 resolution passed by the Legislature conflict with the provisions of this act because  
5 they assign a power, duty or legislative study or investigation to a legislative  
6 committee, subcommittee or other body abolished by the provisions of this act or  
7 because they require the submission of a report, document or other information to a  
8 legislative committee, subcommittee or other body abolished by the provisions of  
9 this act:

10       (a) The conflicting provisions of the other statute, act or resolution are  
11 superseded and abrogated by the provisions of this act; and

12       (b) The power, duty or legislative study or investigation shall be deemed  
13 assigned to, or the report, document or other information shall be deemed required  
14 to be submitted to, the appropriate Joint Interim Standing Committee created by  
15 NRS 218E.320 which has jurisdiction over the subject matter, except that if the  
16 subject matter falls within the jurisdiction of more than one Joint Interim Standing  
17 Committee, the Legislative Commission shall decide and resolve the matter in a  
18 manner that is consistent with the intent of the Legislature as determined by the  
19 Legislative Commission.

20       2. The Legislative Counsel shall, in preparing the reprint and supplements to  
21 the Nevada Revised Statutes ~~§~~ and supplements to the Nevada Administrative  
22 Code:

23       (a) Make any revisions that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
24 section; and

25       (b) Change any references to a legislative committee, subcommittee or other  
26 body which has been abolished by the provisions of this act, or whose name has  
27 been changed or whose responsibilities have been transferred by the provisions of  
28 this act, so that such references refer to the appropriate legislative committee,  
29 subcommittee or other body.

30       3. As used in this section, "legislative study or investigation" includes,  
31 without limitation:

32       (a) Any interim legislative study or investigation; or

33       (b) Any legislative study or investigation assigned to a statutory legislative  
34 committee, subcommittee or other body.