

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 182—ASSEMBLYMEMBER DICKMAN

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates the Legislative Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential State Expenditures. (BDR 17-929)

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.

AN ACT relating to legislative affairs; creating the Legislative Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential State Expenditures; prescribing the powers and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law creates various committees consisting of Legislators to study specified issues and perform other activities during the interim between legislative sessions. (*See, e.g.,* NRS 218E.150-218E.815) **Section 5** of this bill creates the Legislative Committee on the Reduction of Nonessential State Expenditures as a statutory interim committee and provides for its membership. **Section 6** of this bill provides for the meetings of the Committee, prescribes the manner in which meetings must be conducted and provides for the compensation of the members of the Committee.

Section 7 of this bill prescribes the duties of the Committee, including the review and evaluation of issues relating to state governmental spending and efficiency. Specifically, **section 7** requires the Committee to: (1) identify areas in which state expenditures may be eliminated or avoided; (2) identify areas in which state expenditures may be reduced; (3) investigate alleged instances within state agencies of abuse, fraud or waste with respect to public money; and (4) make recommendations for corrective action by such an agency relating to such an investigation. **Section 7** also requires a state agency to collaborate with the Committee in carrying out its duties and to provide the Committee with certain information upon request.

Section 8 of this bill authorizes the Committee to: (1) conduct investigations and hold hearings; (2) request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee; and (3) recommend legislation concerning state governmental spending and efficiency. **Section 8** also requires the Committee to submit to the Legislature a biennial report describing its activities. **Section 8** also authorizes the Committee to submit such



25 additional reports to the Interim Finance Committee or the Legislature as it deems
26 appropriate.
27 **Sections 2, 3 and 4** of this bill define certain terms for the purposes of this bill.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 8, inclusive, of this act, unless*
5 *the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in*
6 *sections 3 and 4 of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in*
7 *those sections.*

8 **Sec. 3.** *“Agency” means an agency, bureau, board,*
9 *commission, department, division or any other unit of the State*
10 *Government.*

11 **Sec. 4.** *“Committee” means the Legislative Committee on the*
12 *Reduction of Nonessential State Expenditures created by section 5*
13 *of this act.*

14 **Sec. 5. 1.** *The Legislative Committee on the Reduction of*
15 *Nonessential State Expenditures is hereby created. The*
16 *membership of the Committee consists of:*

17 *(a) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Majority*
18 *Leader of the Senate;*

19 *(b) Two members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of*
20 *the Assembly;*

21 *(c) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority*
22 *Leader of the Senate; and*

23 *(d) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority*
24 *Leader of the Assembly.*

25 **2.** *The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the*
26 *budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to*
27 *the budget or work program.*

28 **3.** *The Legislative Commission shall select a Chair and Vice*
29 *Chair of the Committee from among the members of the*
30 *Committee. After the initial selection, each Chair and Vice Chair*
31 *holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each*
32 *odd-numbered year. The office of Chair of the Committee must*
33 *alternate each biennium between the Houses. If a vacancy occurs*
34 *in the office of the Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled*
35 *in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of*
36 *the unexpired term.*

37 **4.** *A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for*
38 *reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after*



1 *the general election until the next regular or special session of the*
2 *Legislature convenes.*

3 5. *A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same*
4 *manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the*
5 *unexpired term.*

6 **Sec. 6.** 1. *Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative*
7 *Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier*
8 *than September 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than*
9 *August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and*
10 *places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the*
11 *Committee.*

12 2. *The Director or the Director's designee shall act as the*
13 *nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.*

14 3. *Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and*
15 *a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on*
16 *the Committee.*

17 4. *Except during a regular or special session of the*
18 *Legislature, for each day or portion of a day during which a*
19 *member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is*
20 *otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member*
21 *is entitled to receive the:*

22 (a) *Compensation provided for a majority of the members of*
23 *the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding regular*
24 *session;*

25 (b) *Per diem allowance provided for state officers and*
26 *employees generally; and*

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

28 5. *All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel*
29 *expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.*

30 **Sec. 7.** 1. *The Committee shall review and evaluate issues*
31 *relating to state governmental spending and efficiency. The*
32 *Committee shall:*

33 (a) *Identify areas in which state expenditures may be*
34 *eliminated or avoided, including, without limitation, by identifying*
35 *programs or services provided by agencies that the Committee*
36 *determines are duplicative of other programs or services,*
37 *ineffective or nonessential for the operation of the State*
38 *Government.*

39 (b) *Identify areas in which the costs to an agency of providing*
40 *services that the Committee determines are essential for the*
41 *operation of the State Government may be reduced, including,*
42 *without limitation, areas in which increased efficiencies may be*
43 *found.*

44 (c) *Upon concluding that an agency:*



1 (1) *May be engaging in abuse, fraud or waste with respect*
2 *to public money, investigate the agency.*

3 (2) *Is engaged in abuse, fraud or waste with respect to*
4 *public money, provide written notice to the agency of that*
5 *determination. Such notice must include, without limitation, any*
6 *recommendations for corrective action by the agency.*

7 2. *Each agency shall:*

8 (a) *Collaborate with the Committee in carrying out the duties*
9 *prescribed in this section; and*

10 (b) *Provide the Committee with any information requested by*
11 *the Committee as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving*
12 *the request.*

13 3. *An agency that receives notice of a determination by the*
14 *Committee that the agency is engaged in abuse, fraud or waste*
15 *pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1*
16 *shall, upon the request of the Committee, provide the Committee*
17 *with a written report regarding any corrective actions taken by the*
18 *agency to implement the recommendations made by the Committee*
19 *pursuant to that subparagraph.*

20 **Sec. 8. 1. The Committee may:**

21 (a) *Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection*
22 *with its duties pursuant to section 7 of this act and exercise any of*
23 *the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140,*
24 *inclusive.*

25 (b) *Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the*
26 *research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.*

27 (c) *Recommend to the Legislature, as a result of its review and*
28 *evaluation, any appropriate legislation concerning state*
29 *governmental spending and efficiency.*

30 2. *On or before October 1 of each even-numbered year, the*
31 *Committee shall:*

32 (a) *Compile a report describing the activities of the Committee*
33 *during the legislative interim. The report must include, without*
34 *limitation:*

35 (1) *Any recommendations for legislation considered by the*
36 *Committee. The report must indicate, for each such*
37 *recommendation, whether the recommendation was approved by a*
38 *majority vote of all of the members of the Committee.*

39 (2) *A summary of the areas identified by the Committee in*
40 *which state expenditures may be eliminated or avoided pursuant to*
41 *paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 7 of this act.*

42 (3) *A summary of the areas identified by the Committee in*
43 *which state expenditures may be reduced pursuant to paragraph*
44 *(b) of subsection 1 of section 7 of this act.*



1 (4) *A summary of any investigation conducted pursuant to*
2 *paragraph (c) of subsection 1 of section 7 of this act and any*
3 *recommendations for corrective action made by the Committee.*

4 (5) *A summary of any corrective action taken by an agency*
5 *to implement any recommendations made by the Committee of*
6 *which the Committee is aware.*

7 (b) *Submit the report to the Director for transmittal to the*
8 *Legislature.*

9 3. *The Committee may submit to the Director for transmittal*
10 *to the Interim Finance Committee or the Legislature any such*
11 *additional reports as it deems appropriate.*

12 **Sec. 9.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
13 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
14 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

15 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

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