

SENATE BILL NO. 147—SENATOR DONDERO LOOP

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Southern Nevada Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency Pilot Program. (BDR S-683)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 regional planning; establishing the Advisory Committee on Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency; creating the Southern Nevada Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency Pilot Program; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 This bill establishes the Southern Nevada Regional Planning for Economic
2 Resiliency Pilot Program. **Section 7** of this bill requires the Regional
3 Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada to establish the Advisory
4 Committee on Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency to assist the
5 Commission in carrying out the provisions of **sections 1-10** of this bill. **Section 8**
6 creates the Program to: (1) evaluate the current regional planning process and the
7 existing and future priorities and needs in the region of Clark County, Nevada, with
8 a focus on infrastructure projects, transit services and economic development and
9 redevelopment projects; and (2) identify sources of federal, state and other money
10 that will support the continued infrastructure, transit and economic needs of the
11 region. **Section 9** requires the Advisory Committee to conduct the Program with a
12 focus on certain population centers in the region and to study and perform
13 community outreach on issues relating to regional planning for economic
14 development and resiliency in the region.

15 **Section 10** requires: (1) the Advisory Committee to prepare a regional
16 infrastructure plan for economic growth and resiliency in the region and a written
17 report describing the activities, findings, conclusions and recommendations of the
18 Advisory Committee; and (2) the Commission to transmit a copy of the plan and
19 report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint
20 Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs.

21 **Sections 2-6** define certain terms relating to the Program. **Section 1** applies
22 these definitions to the provisions of **sections 1-10**.



23 **Section 11** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Commission to establish
24 and implement the Program and for a staff member to assist in the Program and to
25 carry out the provisions of **sections 1-10**.

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

1 **Section 1.** As used in sections 1 to 10, inclusive, of this act,
2 unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined
3 in sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed
4 to them in those sections.

5 **Sec. 2.** “Advisory Committee” means the Advisory Committee
6 on Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency established pursuant
7 to section 7 of this act.

8 **Sec. 3.** “Commission” means the Regional Transportation
9 Commission of Southern Nevada.

10 **Sec. 4.** “Program” means the Southern Nevada Regional
11 Planning for Economic Resiliency Pilot Program created by section
12 8 of this act.

13 **Sec. 5.** “Project” means any structure, facility, undertaking or
14 system which a local government is authorized to acquire, improve,
15 equip, maintain or operate, which may consist of all kinds of
16 personal and real property.

17 **Sec. 6.** “Region” means Clark County, Nevada.

18 **Sec. 7.** 1. The Commission shall establish the Advisory
19 Committee on Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency to assist
20 the Commission in carrying out the provisions of sections 1 to 10,
21 inclusive, of this act.

22 2. The Commission shall appoint at least five members to the
23 Advisory Committee which must be comprised of various
24 stakeholders in the region who must have experience in regional
25 planning, economic development or redevelopment, workforce
26 development, infrastructure development or transit services.

27 3. Each member of the Advisory Committee serves a term of 2
28 years.

29 4. The Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair
30 from among its members at the first meeting of the Advisory
31 Committee.

32 5. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee
33 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority
34 of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any
35 official action taken by the Advisory Committee.

36 6. Each member of the Advisory Committee serves without
37 compensation and is not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or
38 travel expenses.



1 7. The Commission shall provide the Advisory Committee
2 with such administrative and staff support as is necessary to assist
3 the Advisory Committee in carrying out its duties set forth in
4 sections 1 to 10, inclusive, of this act.

5 **Sec. 8.** 1. The Southern Nevada Regional Planning for
6 Economic Resiliency Pilot Program is hereby created as a pilot
7 program to support and sustain the economic resiliency of the region
8 by:

9 (a) Evaluating the current regional planning process and the
10 existing and future priorities and needs in the region, with a focus on
11 infrastructure projects, transit services and economic development
12 and redevelopment projects; and

13 (b) Identifying sources of federal, state and other money that
14 will support the continued infrastructure, transit and economic needs
15 of the growing population in the region.

16 2. The Commission shall, in coordination with the Advisory
17 Committee, oversee the Program.

18 **Sec. 9.** 1. The Advisory Committee shall conduct the
19 Program to study and perform community outreach on issues
20 relating to regional planning for economic development and
21 resiliency in the region with a focus on the following population
22 centers:

23 (a) Las Vegas;

24 (b) Henderson;

25 (c) North Las Vegas;

26 (d) Boulder City;

27 (e) Mesquite; and

28 (f) Any other urbanized section of the Las Vegas Valley.

29 2. The Program conducted pursuant to subsection 1 must,
30 without limitation:

31 (a) Identify existing, planned and proposed areas for economic
32 development, redevelopment and diversification, including, without
33 limitation, redevelopment areas, existing underserved
34 neighborhoods with opportunities for reinvestment, opportunity
35 zones, job creation zones, Southern Nevada Strong opportunity
36 sites, areas identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development
37 Strategy for Southern Nevada developed by the Las Vegas Global
38 Economic Alliance, innovation districts, large-scale industrial areas,
39 any activity centers identified in the most recent regional plan
40 developed by Southern Nevada Strong, parcels with transit-oriented
41 development or mixed-use zoning, activity centers identified by the
42 Brookings Institution and any areas with major development;

43 (b) Review existing plans for the population centers identified in
44 subsection 1 for capital improvements and other planning efforts
45 and, based on such plans, identify economic development centers



1 with planned infrastructure projects and transit services, which may
2 be at any stage in the planning process, and any unfunded needs
3 with regards to those planned infrastructure projects and transit
4 services;

5 (c) Develop and implement a community outreach plan to:

6 (1) Increase community support of regional planning;

7 (2) Build regional agreement on a list of economic
8 development and redevelopment projects determined by the
9 Advisory Committee to be regionally significant and which support
10 community goals, such as attracting target industries, diversifying
11 the economy or locating jobs and housing within the same location;
12 and

13 (3) Garner community input regarding infrastructure projects
14 and transit services that are regionally significant and necessary to
15 support the region;

16 (d) Develop estimates of planning costs that include capital,
17 operations and maintenance and infrastructure design, construction
18 and maintenance;

19 (e) Complete a high-level evaluation of the benefits of
20 infrastructure projects and transit services that support the economic
21 development and redevelopment priorities identified in the
22 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southern
23 Nevada and the most recent regional plan developed by Southern
24 Nevada Strong;

25 (f) In coordination with key stakeholders in the region identified
26 by the Advisory Committee, develop additional criteria to evaluate
27 economic development and redevelopment projects in the region;

28 (g) Develop packages of infrastructure projects and transit
29 services, which identify for each package, project and service, the
30 costs and benefits, current stage of development, resources already
31 committed and any additional money needed;

32 (h) Facilitate consensus with stakeholders in the region on a
33 prioritized list of infrastructure projects and transit services that
34 support the economic development and redevelopment centers and
35 projects that the Advisory Committee has determined are regionally
36 significant;

37 (i) Identify packages of economic development and
38 redevelopment projects that could be submitted for federal grants
39 and, if feasible, prepare an application for grants for any such
40 package;

41 (j) Evaluate the regional planning development process and
42 determine the steps and resources needed to continue regional
43 coordination of infrastructure projects, transit services, economic
44 development and redevelopment projects and the methods to obtain
45 grants for such projects and services; and



1 (k) Identify any lessons learned regarding the regional planning
2 process and regional coordination and opportunities for future
3 improvements.

4 **Sec. 10.** On or before June 30, 2027:

5 1. The Advisory Committee shall prepare:

6 (a) A regional infrastructure plan for economic growth and
7 resiliency in the region, which must identify, without limitation:

8 (1) Infrastructure projects and transit services that support
9 access to existing, planned and proposed economic development and
10 redevelopment centers and projects that the Advisory Committee
11 has determined are regionally significant; and

12 (2) Potential federal, state and other resources that may be
13 available to support the projects and services identified pursuant to
14 subparagraph (1); and

15 (b) A written report describing the activities, findings,
16 conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

17 2. The Commission shall submit a copy of the plan and report
18 prepared pursuant to subsection 1 to the Director of the Legislature
19 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing
20 Committee on Government Affairs.

21 **Sec. 11.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
22 General Fund to the Regional Transportation Commission of
23 Southern Nevada the sum of \$650,000 to establish and implement
24 the Southern Nevada Regional Planning for Economic Resiliency
25 Pilot Program created by section 8 of this act and for a staff member
26 to assist the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Regional
27 Planning for Economic Resiliency created by section 7 of this act in
28 carrying out the provisions of sections 1 to 10, inclusive, of this act.

29 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
30 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
31 2027, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity
32 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise
33 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated
34 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after
35 September 17, 2027, by either the entity to which the money was
36 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
37 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
38 Fund on or before September 17, 2027.

39 **Sec. 12.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025, and
40 expires by limitation on June 30, 2027.



