

SENATE BILL NO. 81—SENATOR DALY

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing regional planning. (BDR S-536)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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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; requiring representatives of certain counties and cities to meet jointly for a specified period to identify issues and make recommendations regarding the orderly management of growth in the region; requiring such representatives to prepare certain joint reports during that period; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey  
2 County and Washoe County, in consultation with any cities within each such  
3 county, to each prepare a report for submission to each Legislator who represents  
4 any portion of one of these counties at the end of each calendar year between  
5 July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022. Each report must identify certain issues  
6 relating to the orderly management of growth in those counties and make  
7 recommendations regarding such issues. (Chapter 144, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at  
8 page 798) This bill extends the meeting and reporting requirements through  
9 calendar year 2026 and revises the meeting and reporting requirements.

10 Specifically, this bill requires, on or before December 1 of each calendar year  
11 during the period between July 1, 2023, and December 1, 2026, Carson City,  
12 Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County, in consultation  
13 with any cities within each such county, to meet to discuss and identify the positive  
14 and negative issues relating to growth in the region that are impacting any such  
15 county and prepare a joint report that: (1) identifies certain issues relating to growth  
16 in the region; and (2) addresses, without limitation, the areas of conservation,  
17 population, land use and development, transportation, and public facilities and  
18 services. Each joint report must set forth recommendations that are intended to  
19 resolve any negative impact on such issues which have been identified in the joint  
20 report.

21 Additionally, this bill requires during the period between January 1, 2024, and  
22 January 1, 2027, certain Legislators and other representatives of each county and



23 city in the region to meet jointly at least twice during each calendar year during the  
24 period to identify and discuss the positive and negative issues relating to the orderly  
25 management of growth in the region. On or before December 31 of each calendar  
26 year during the period, county managers or certain other designees are required to  
27 prepare a joint regional report of the issues identified. The joint regional report  
28 must also address comprehensively all of the issues identified and  
29 recommendations made in the reports prepared by the counties and cities.

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

1       **Section 1.** Section 1 of chapter 144, Statutes of Nevada 2019,  
2 at page 798, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3               Section 1. 1. The Legislature hereby finds and  
4 declares that:

5               (a) The region of Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon  
6 County, Storey County and Washoe County is a unique,  
7 contiguous geographical area that comprises the northwestern  
8 border of Nevada.

9               (b) As part of *one of* the fastest-growing ~~[state]~~ *states* in  
10 the nation, the population of this region has increased rapidly  
11 in recent years, especially as a result of the location of  
12 substantial economic development projects in the region.

13               (c) This increased population and economic development  
14 activity has *had* a significant impact on resources beyond the  
15 boundaries of individual political subdivisions, affecting the  
16 region in such areas as transportation, land use development  
17 and public services and facilities.

18               (d) *The increased demand from development has placed*  
19 *a significant amount of stress on the I-80 commercial*  
20 *corridor within Lyon, Storey and Washoe Counties,*  
21 *necessitating a strong focus to protect residents and visitors*  
22 *as well as the economic vitality of the region.*

23               (e) Because of the unique conditions in the region, a  
24 general law cannot be made applicable and necessitates this  
25 special act to require discussion and planning for the orderly  
26 management of growth in the region in a collaborative and  
27 structured manner by the counties and cities in the region for  
28 the well-being of the residents as well as the long-term  
29 economic development of the region.

30               2. On or before December ~~[31]~~ *1* of each calendar year  
31 during the period between July 1, ~~[2019,]~~ *2023*, and  
32 December ~~[31, 2022,]~~ *1, 2026*, each county in the region, in  
33 consultation with any cities within each such county, shall  
34 *meet to discuss and identify the positive and negative issues*



1 *relating to growth in the region that are impacting any*  
2 *county in the region and* prepare and submit to each  
3 Legislator who represents any portion of the ~~county~~ *region*  
4 a ~~separate~~ *joint* report that:

5 (a) Identifies ~~issues~~ *each positive or negative issue*  
6 relating to the orderly management of growth in the *region*  
7 *that is impacting any* county, including cities within ~~the~~  
8 *any* county ~~, and~~ *in* the region, including, without  
9 limitation, issues in the following areas:

10 (1) Conservation, including, without limitation, the use  
11 and protection of natural resources ~~;~~ , *architectural*  
12 *conservation and preservation planning;*

13 (2) Population, including, without limitation, projected  
14 population growth *in the region* and the projected resources  
15 *of the county or city that are* necessary to support that  
16 *regional* population ~~;~~ *growth;*

17 (3) Land use and development;

18 (4) Transportation ~~;~~ , *including, without limitation,*  
19 *the I-80 corridor and surrounding arterials;* and

20 (5) Public facilities and services, including, without  
21 limitation, roads, water and sewer service, flood control,  
22 police and fire protection, mass transit, libraries and parks.

23 (b) ~~Makes~~ *Set forth* recommendations ~~regarding~~ *that*  
24 *are intended to resolve any negative impact on* those issues  
25 ~~;~~ *that are identified in the joint report.*

26 3. In preparing the *joint* report required by subsection 2,  
27 each county in the region and any city within such a county  
28 may consult with and solicit input concerning issues relating  
29 to the orderly management of growth in the county, city or  
30 region from *any state agency, including, without limitation,*  
31 *the Department of Transportation and the Office of*  
32 *Economic Development, and from* other entities in the  
33 county, including, without limitation, ~~the~~ school ~~district~~  
34 *districts* and any town, airport authority, regional  
35 transportation commission, water authority, military base,  
36 flood control agency, public safety agency or Indian colony  
37 or tribe in the county. *Such input may include, without*  
38 *limitation, any I-80 corridor planning reports prepared by*  
39 *the Department of Transportation.*

40 4. During the period between January 1, ~~2020,~~ *2024,*  
41 and ~~December 1, 2023,~~ *January 1, 2027, two members, one*  
42 *from the majority political party and one from the minority*  
43 *political party, of the Senate whose legislative districts*  
44 *include any area within the region and designated by the*  
45 *Majority Leader of the Senate, two members, one from the*



1 *majority political party and one from the minority political*  
 2 *party, of the Assembly whose legislative districts include any*  
 3 *area within the region and designated by the Speaker of the*  
 4 *Assembly, the county manager of each county in the region or*  
 5 *his or her designee, or if a county manager is not appointed*  
 6 *pursuant to NRS 244.125, a person designated by the board of*  
 7 *county commissioners of the county, and the city manager of*  
 8 *each city in the region or his or her designee or, if the city*  
 9 *does not have a city manager, a person designated by the*  
 10 *governing body of the city, shall meet jointly at least twice*  
 11 *during each calendar year in that period to identify and*  
 12 *discuss **the positive and negative** issues relating to the orderly*  
 13 *management of growth in the region, including, without*  
 14 *limitation, the issues identified and **any** recommendations*  
 15 *made in the **joint** reports prepared pursuant to subsection 2.*  
 16 ***Each Legislator and city manager serve in an ex officio***  
 17 ***capacity and are not voting members.***

18 5. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, on or  
 19 before December ~~1~~ **31** of each calendar year during the  
 20 period between January 1, ~~2020,~~ **2024**, and ~~December 1,~~  
 21 ~~2023, the counties in the region, in consultation with the cities~~  
 22 ~~in the region,~~ **January 1, 2027, the county managers or**  
 23 **their designees described in subsection 4** shall prepare a joint  
 24 **regional** report of the issues identified during the meetings  
 25 held pursuant to subsection 4 during that calendar year and  
 26 any recommendations made relating to those issues . ~~and~~  
 27 ~~submit the report~~ **The contents of each joint regional report**  
 28 **must be approved by a simple majority of the county**  
 29 **managers or their designees described in subsection 4. Each**  
 30 **joint regional report must be submitted** to each Legislator  
 31 who represents any portion of a county in the region and to  
 32 the Legislative Commission. ~~The~~ **Each** joint report that  
 33 must be submitted ~~on or before December 1, 2023,~~  
 34 **pursuant to this subsection** must address comprehensively all  
 35 the issues identified and recommendations made by the  
 36 counties and cities in the ~~region during the period between~~  
 37 ~~January 1, 2020, and December 1, 2023, relating to the~~  
 38 ~~orderly management of growth in the region.~~ **joint report**  
 39 **prepared by the counties and cities pursuant to subsection 2.**

40 6. **A Legislator is not entitled to compensation or to any**  
 41 **per diem or travel expenses to attend a meeting described in**  
 42 **subsection 4.**

43 7. As used in this section, “region” means the combined  
 44 geographical area consisting of Carson City, Douglas County,  
 45 Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County.



1       **Sec. 2.** Section 2 of chapter 144, Statutes of Nevada 2019, at  
2 page 800, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3               Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019 . ~~†~~  
4               ~~and expires by limitation on December 31, 2023.~~

5       **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

