

SUMMARY—Creates a joint special committee to conduct a study concerning innovation zones.

(BDR R-1148)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Creating a joint special committee to conduct a study concerning innovation zones.

WHEREAS, It is critical that the Nevada Legislature consider whether innovation zones, which are a unique form of local government on private land, would accelerate this State’s economic diversification by attracting advanced technology industries to invest in this State; and

WHEREAS, The 81st Session of the Legislature has been unable to consider all of the critical issues surrounding innovation zones, as the Legislature continues to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of the pandemic on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this State as well as on the economy of this State; and

WHEREAS, The appointment of a joint special committee to study innovation zones will enable a thorough vetting of the critical issues and facilitate discussion among all of the interested stakeholders, including, without limitation, local governments, tribal governments, environmental groups, labor organizations, economic development authorities, water authorities, advanced technology industries and global interests; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a joint special committee to conduct a study of innovation zones, which must be composed of at least three members of the Assembly, two of whom must be appointed by the



Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly, and at least three members of the Senate, two of whom must be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall elect a chair and vice chair and may meet during the 81st Session of the Legislature for the purpose of electing a chair and vice chair; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall, to the extent practicable, meet at least once a month to study, without limitation, the potential community and economic benefits of innovation zones and the impact of innovation zones on:

1. Economic development and job creation;
2. Workforce development;
3. Affordable housing;
4. Empowerment centers;
5. Regional water supplies;
6. Natural resources and the environment;
7. Counties and other forms of local government; and
8. State and local revenues and the distribution of taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall solicit the input of interested stakeholders, including, without limitation, local governments, tribal governments, environmental groups, labor



organizations, economic development authorities, water authorities, advanced technology industries and global interests; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommendation proposed by the joint special committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to the joint special committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall, to the extent practicable, submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations to the Governor on or before December 31, 2021, including, without limitation, whether:

1. No further action should be taken on innovation zones; or
2. Legislation on innovation zones should be proposed during a regular or special session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee may request the drafting of one legislative measure related to innovation zones at the 82nd Session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the joint special committee requests the drafting of a legislative measure related to innovation zones, the legislative measure must be prefiled on or before the first day of the 82nd Session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall submit a report of its findings to the 82nd Session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

