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AN ACT relating to planning; requiring the comprehensive regional plan in certain counties to include provisions concerning the sustainability of certain water resources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law requires the regional planning commission of a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 400,000 (currently Washoe County) to develop a comprehensive regional plan for the physical development and orderly growth of the region. (NRS 278.0272) The comprehensive regional plan must include goals, policies, maps and other documents relating to population, conservation, limitation of premature expansion, land use, transportation, public facilities and services, annexation, intergovernmental coordination and certain utility projects. (NRS 278.0274) Existing law also provides for the development by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission of a comprehensive plan concerning supplies of water within the planning area for the comprehensive plan and for the adoption of such a plan by the Western Regional Water Commission. (NRS 540A.010; Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, pp. 3285-3304) This bill requires the comprehensive regional plan to include several provisions concerning the availability of water resources for growth and development, including a statement setting forth the total population of the region that may be supported by the sustainable water resources identified in the comprehensive plan adopted by the Western Regional Water Commission.

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

**Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 2.** NRS 278.0274 is hereby amended to read as follows:

278.0274 The comprehensive regional plan must include goals, policies, maps and other documents relating to:

1. Population, including a projection of population growth in the region and the resources that will be necessary to support that population. *This portion of the plan must set forth the total population of the region that may be supported by the sustainable water resources identified in the comprehensive plan adopted by the Western Regional Water Commission pursuant to section 34 of chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 3293, if applicable to the region. The provisions of this subsection do not limit or otherwise affect any authority or duty of the State Engineer.*

2. Conservation, including policies relating to the use and protection of air, land, water and other natural resources, ambient air quality, natural recharge areas, floodplains and wetlands, and a map



showing the areas that are best suited for development based on those policies.

3. The limitation of the premature expansion of development into undeveloped areas, preservation of neighborhoods and revitalization of urban areas, including, without limitation, policies that relate to the interspersing of new housing and businesses in established neighborhoods and set forth principles by which growth will be directed to older urban areas.

4. Land use and transportation, including the classification of future land uses by density or intensity of development based upon the projected necessity and availability of public facilities, including, without limitation, schools, and services and natural resources, and the compatibility of development in one area with that of other areas in the region. This portion of the plan must:

(a) Address, if applicable:

(1) Mixed-use development, transit-oriented development, master-planned communities and gaming enterprise districts; and

(2) The coordination and compatibility of land uses with each military installation in the region, taking into account the location, purpose and stated mission of the military installation;

(b) Allow for a variety of uses;

(c) *Set forth a pattern of development consistent with the total population of the region that may be supported by the sustainable water resources described in subsection 1;*

(d) Describe the transportation facilities that will be necessary to satisfy the requirements created by those future uses; ~~and~~

~~(d)}~~ (e) Be based upon the policies and map relating to conservation that are developed pursuant to subsection 2, surveys, studies and data relating to the area, the amount of land required to accommodate planned growth, the population of the area projected pursuant to subsection 1, and the characteristics of undeveloped land in the area ~~(f)}~~; and

(f) *Set forth policies that require each applicable master plan of a local government to be consistent with the pattern of development and total population specified in paragraph (c).*

5. Public facilities and services, including provisions relating to sanitary sewer facilities, solid waste, flood control, potable water and groundwater aquifer recharge which are correlated with principles and guidelines for future land uses, and which specify ways to satisfy the requirements created by those future uses. This portion of the plan must:



(a) Describe the problems and needs of the area relating to public facilities and services and the general facilities that will be required for their solution and satisfaction;

(b) Identify the providers of public services within the region and the area within which each must serve, including service territories set by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada for public utilities;

(c) Establish the time within which those public facilities and services necessary to support the development relating to land use and transportation must be made available to satisfy the requirements created by that development; and

(d) Contain a summary prepared by the regional planning commission regarding the plans for capital improvements that:

(1) Are required to be prepared by each local government in the region pursuant to NRS 278.0226; and

(2) May be prepared by the water planning commission of the county, the regional transportation commission and the county school district.

6. Annexation, including the identification of spheres of influence for each unit of local government, improvement district or other service district and specifying standards and policies for changing the boundaries of a sphere of influence and procedures for the review of development within each sphere of influence. As used in this subsection, "sphere of influence" means an area into which a political subdivision may expand in the foreseeable future.

7. Intergovernmental coordination, including the establishment of guidelines for determining whether local master plans and facilities plans conform with the comprehensive regional plan.

8. Any utility project required to be reported pursuant to NRS 278.145.



