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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 198—ASSEMBLYMEN  
OSCARSON AND WHEELER

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS GOICOECHEA;  
AND SETTELMAYER

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Requires the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct a study concerning water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada communities. (BDR S-805)

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.

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AN ACT relating to water; requiring the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct a study concerning water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada communities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 Under existing law, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands is authorized to  
2 review and comment on the laws, regulations and policies relating to the use,  
3 allocation and management of water in this State. (NRS 218E.525) This bill  
4 requires the Committee to conduct a study concerning water conservation and  
5 alternative sources of water for Nevada communities and to submit a report of its  
6 findings and any recommendations for legislation to the 79th Session of the Nevada  
7 Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Public Lands  
2 shall conduct a study during the 2015-2016 interim concerning



1 water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada  
2 communities. The study must include, without limitation, a  
3 comprehensive review of all of the following:

- 4 (a) Issues relating to water resources in this State;
- 5 (b) Studies quantifying water use, surface water resources and  
6 groundwater resources, including, without limitation, increased  
7 water supply through conservation;
- 8 (c) The total consumptive use of water in this State, calculated  
9 on the basis of gallons per capita per day;
- 10 (d) Alternative sources of water, including, without limitation,  
11 desalination of water, interbasin transfers of groundwater,  
12 conservation of water used for agricultural purposes, water  
13 conservation in urban areas and cloud seeding, and the reuse of  
14 water, including, without limitation, reclaiming wastewater, using  
15 graywater and capturing rainwater; and
- 16 (e) Efforts that may be taken by the State of Nevada to ensure  
17 the equitable apportionment of groundwater in basins that have  
18 boundaries which extend outside the borders of the State of Nevada.

19 2. In addition to any report required by NRS 218E.525, the  
20 Committee shall, on or before February 1, 2017, submit a report of  
21 its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Director  
22 of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 79th Session  
23 of the Nevada Legislature.

