

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 426—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the Committee on Systems Integration within the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology. (BDR 18-1121)

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

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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 State Government; creating the Committee on Systems Integration within the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology; prescribing the membership and duties of the Committee; revising provisions relating to the duties of the Director of the Office; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology in
2 the Office of the Governor. (NRS 223.600) **Section 2** of this bill creates the
3 Committee on Systems Integration within the Office of Science, Innovation and
4 Technology and prescribes its membership. **Section 3** of this bill requires the
5 Committee to develop and maintain a plan to coordinate, integrate and optimize
6 plans for systems in this State including: (1) energy; (2) communication; (3)
7 information technology; (4) transportation; (5) public safety; and (6) emergency
8 response. Additionally, **section 3** requires the Committee to develop and maintain
9 the plan in coordination with any federal agency and any private entity which is
10 involved in planning for the same systems addressed by the Committee.

11 Existing law prescribes the duties of the Director of the Office of Science,
12 Innovation and Technology. (NRS 223.610) **Section 4** of this bill additionally
13 requires the Director, to the extent of the legislative appropriation and other
14 available money, to provide support to the Committee created by **section 2** and
15 facilitate implementation in this State of the plans developed by the Committee.

16 **Section 5** of this bill appropriates \$500,000 from the State General Fund to the
17 Office of Science, Innovation and Technology for each year of the biennium for
18 expenses related to the Committee.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 223 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1.** *The Committee on Systems Integration is hereby*
4 *created within the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology.*
5 *The Committee consists of:*

6 (a) *The following ex officio members:*

7 (1) *The Director of the Office of Energy or his or her*
8 *designee;*

9 (2) *The Executive Director of the Office of Economic*
10 *Development or his or her designee;*

11 (3) *The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles or*
12 *his or her designee;*

13 (4) *The Director of the Department of Transportation or his*
14 *or her designee;*

15 (5) *The Director of the Department of Public Safety or his*
16 *or her designee;*

17 (6) *The administrative head of the Desert Research*
18 *Institute or his or her designee; and*

19 (7) *The administrative head of a regional transportation*
20 *commission in a county whose population is 100,000 or more or*
21 *his or her designee; and*

22 (b) *The following members appointed by the Governor:*

23 (1) *One representative of the general public with expertise*
24 *in information technology or communication technology;*

25 (2) *One representative of the general public with expertise*
26 *in advanced transportation systems; and*

27 (3) *One representative of the general public with expertise*
28 *in energy production, transmission and distribution.*

29 2. *The Committee shall annually elect a Chair and a Vice*
30 *Chair from among its members.*

31 3. *Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members*
32 *may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same*
33 *manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in*
34 *the appointed membership of the Committee must be filled in the*
35 *same manner as the original appointment.*

36 4. *The Director of the Office of Science, Innovation*
37 *and Technology shall act as the nonvoting Secretary of the*
38 *Committee.*

39 5. *The members of the Committee serve without*
40 *compensation but are entitled to receive the per diem allowance*
41 *and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees*
42 *generally.*



1 6. A member of the Committee who is an officer or employee
2 of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved
3 from his or her duties without loss of regular compensation to
4 prepare for and attend meetings of the Committee and perform
5 any work necessary to carry out the duties of the Committee in the
6 most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political
7 subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or employee
8 who is a member of the Committee to:

9 (a) Make up time he or she is absent from work to carry out
10 his or her duties as a member of the Committee; or

11 (b) Take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

12 7. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly every year
13 and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the
14 Chair.

15 8. A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a
16 quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of a
17 quorum present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action
18 taken by the Committee.

19 9. On or before December 31 of each year, the Committee
20 shall submit a report of its activities and findings, including,
21 without limitation, any recommendations for legislation to the
22 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for
23 transmittal to the Legislature, or if the Legislature is not in
24 session, to the Legislative Commission.

25 **Sec. 3. 1.** The Committee on Systems Integration created by
26 section 2 of this act shall:

27 (a) Develop and maintain a plan to coordinate, integrate and
28 optimize plans for systems in this State which include, without
29 limitation:

30 (1) Energy production, transmission and distribution;

31 (2) Communication;

32 (3) Information technology;

33 (4) Transportation;

34 (5) Public safety; and

35 (6) Emergency response.

36 (b) To the extent allowed by law, the Committee shall
37 coordinate the plan developed pursuant to paragraph (a) with any
38 federal agency and any private entity involved in planning for the
39 systems described in paragraph (a).

40 2. In carrying out its duties pursuant to subsection 1, the
41 Committee may review, study and comment upon any plan:

42 (a) Submitted to the Committee by any office, department,
43 division, bureau, board, commission or other agency of this State
44 or a subdivision of this State; or



1 *(b) Required by law to be submitted to any office, department,*
2 *division, bureau, board, commission or other agency of this State*
3 *or a subdivision of this State.*

4 **Sec. 4.** NRS 223.610 is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 223.610 The Director of the Office of Science, Innovation and
6 Technology shall:

7 1. Advise the Governor and the Executive Director of the
8 Office of Economic Development on matters relating to science,
9 innovation and technology.

10 2. Work in coordination with the Office of Economic
11 Development to establish criteria and goals for economic
12 development and diversification in this State in the areas of science,
13 innovation and technology.

14 3. As directed by the Governor, identify, recommend and carry
15 out policies related to science, innovation and technology.

16 4. Report periodically to the Executive Director of the Office
17 of Economic Development concerning the administration of the
18 policies and programs of the Office of Science, Innovation and
19 Technology.

20 5. Coordinate activities in this State relating to the planning,
21 mapping and procurement of broadband service in a competitively
22 neutral and nondiscriminatory manner, which must include, without
23 limitation:

24 (a) Development of a strategic plan to improve the delivery of
25 broadband services in this State to schools, libraries, providers of
26 health care, transportation facilities, prisons and other community
27 facilities;

28 (b) Applying for state and federal grants on behalf of eligible
29 entities and managing state matching money that has been
30 appropriated by the Legislature;

31 (c) Coordinating and processing applications for state and
32 federal money relating to broadband services;

33 (d) Prioritizing construction projects which affect or involve the
34 expansion or deployment of broadband services in this State;

35 (e) In consultation with providers of health care from various
36 health care settings, the expansion of telehealth services to reduce
37 health care costs and increase health care quality and access in this
38 State, especially in rural, unserved and underserved areas of this
39 State;

40 (f) Expansion of the fiber optic infrastructure in this State for the
41 benefit of the public safety radio and communications systems in
42 this State;

43 (g) Collection and storage of data relating to agreements and
44 contracts entered into by the State for the provision of fiber optic
45 assets in this State; and



1 (h) Administration of the trade policy for fiber optic
2 infrastructure in this State.

3 6. Provide support to the Advisory Council on Science,
4 Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and direct the
5 implementation in this State of plans developed by the Council
6 concerning, without limitation, workforce development, college
7 preparedness and economic development.

8 *7. To the extent of the legislative appropriation and other*
9 *available money, provide support to the Committee on Systems*
10 *Integration created by section 2 of this act and facilitate*
11 *implementation in this State of plans developed by the Committee*
12 *pursuant to section 3 of this act.*

13 ~~7.7~~ 8. In carrying out his or her duties pursuant to this
14 section, consult with the Executive Director of the Office of
15 Economic Development and cooperate with the Executive Director
16 in implementing the State Plan for Economic Development
17 developed by the Executive Director pursuant to subsection 2 of
18 NRS 231.053.

19 ~~8.7~~ 9. Administer such grants as are provided by legislative
20 appropriation.

21 **Sec. 5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
22 General Fund to the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology
23 for the costs of the Committee on Systems Integration created by
24 section 2 of this act the following sums:

25 For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$500,000

26 For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$500,000

27 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1
28 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be
29 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal
30 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any
31 entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or
32 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
33 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
34 after September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by
35 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
36 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred,
37 and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
38 September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

39 **Sec. 6.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
40 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
41 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

42 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
43 for purposes of appointment of members and performing any
44 other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry



1 out the provisions of this act and on July 1, 2019, for all other
2 purposes.

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