SENATE BILL NO. 373–SENATOR HANSEN

MARCH 20, 2019

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the investigations of contractors. (BDR 54-1084)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets [fomitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to contractors; revising provisions governing investigations of contractors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the State Contractors' Board to establish an Investigations Office to enforce laws regulating contractors. (NRS 624.112) Under existing law, the Board may employ criminal investigators to locate, identify and issue citations to persons who are engaging in the business of or acting in the capacity of a contractor in violation of the law. (NRS 624.115) **Section 1** of this bill requires that the Board establish a regular work schedule for some investigators to ensure appropriate investigations may take place on weekends and holidays. **Section 2** of this bill requires that the Board include in its biennial report to the Governor and the Legislature certain additional information concerning investigations on weekends and holidays.

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

Section 1. NRS 624.112 is hereby amended to read as follows: 624.112 1. The Board shall:

- (a) Establish an Investigations Office to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The Investigations Office must consist of criminal investigators and compliance investigators.
- (b) Adopt regulations setting forth the qualifications required for investigators employed to carry out this section.



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- (c) Establish work schedules for investigators to ensure that appropriate investigations may take place on weekends and holidays.
- 2. As used in this section, "criminal investigator" means a person authorized to perform the duties set forth in subsection 2 of NRS 624.115.
 - **Sec. 2.** NRS 624.355 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 624.355 1. On or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the Board or its designee shall:
- (a) Review the complaints received by the Board to ascertain whether there are any similarities or common trends among any of those complaints;
- (b) Prepare a written summary that includes the number of investigations under NRS 624.115 conducted on weekends and holidays and the number of citations issued as a result thereof, and identifies potential difficulties in the regulation of contractors and the protection of the public pursuant to this chapter; and
 - (c) Report any findings and recommendations for legislation to:
 - (1) The Governor; and

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- (2) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Legislature.
- 2. The Board shall take such action as is necessary to keep the public informed of its activities pursuant to this section.
 - **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.





