SENATE BILL NO. 496–SENATORS LANGE; HAMMOND AND SEEVERS GANSERT

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN C.H. MILLER

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the film industry. (BDR S-1039)

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

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

AN ACT relating to economic development; enacting the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act; requiring the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement with the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the Summerlin Production Studios Project to establish certain development and investment criteria for the development of infrastructure for the production of motion picture and other qualified productions; authorizing a production company located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project to apply to the Office of Economic Development for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the sites of the Projects; enacting provisions governing the eligibility for and calculation of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the Projects; revising provisions relating to noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion picture and other qualified productions: authorizing an additional amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; establishing the Board for Nevada Film. Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training and the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training; providing for the distribution of money from the Account to certain entities and organizations that provide education and vocational training for workforce development for the production of qualified productions in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.





Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes a program for the issuance of transferable tax credits by the Office of Economic Development to the production company of a motion picture or other qualified production, based upon qualified direct production expenditures made for the purchase of personal property or services from a Nevada business. (NRS 360.758-360.7598) This bill revises provisions governing these transferable tax credits and enacts the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act to authorize film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the site of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the Summerlin Production Studios Project.

10 Sections 1-19 of this bill enact the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act, 11 which provides film infrastructure transferable tax credits for production companies 12 13 located within: (1) the Las Vegas Media Campus Project, which is a proposed development located at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park on the 14 University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus, and which is also referred to as Zone 1; 15 and (2) the Summerlin Production Studios Project, which is also referred to as Zone 16 2. Sections 1-19 allocate a specified amount of transferable tax credits for qualified 17 productions produced within each of these Zones. Section 10 of this bill requires 18 the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement with 19 the lead participant of each Project to establish certain investment and development 20criteria that the Projects are required to satisfy in exchange for production 21 22 23 24 25 companies located at the Projects to be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 11 of this bill authorizes the lead participant of each Project to: (1) elect, not later than 24 months after the execution of a development agreement with the Office, whether a production company must obtain the approval of the lead participant before applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits; and (2) 26 27 28 change that election at certain intervals. Section 12 of this bill: (1) authorizes production companies located at each Project to apply to the Office for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the $\overline{29}$ Project; (2) establishes the date on which those production companies are $\frac{2}{30}$ authorized to begin applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits; and (3) 31 authorizes such credits to be used against the modified business tax, insurance 32 33 premium tax or gaming license fee, or any combination of these taxes and fees. Under section 12, if the Office issues a certificate of eligibility for film 34 infrastructure transferable tax credits to a production company, the production 35 company is authorized to claim the credits against the modified business tax owed 36 by the production company and obtain a refund to the extent that the amount of 37 credits exceeds the liability of the production company for that tax. Sections 13 38 and 15 of this bill establish the production expenditures which are the basis for 39 calculating the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 14 of 40 this bill provides that the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 41 is 30 percent of the amount of qualified direct production expenditures calculated 42 under sections 13 and 15. Under section 12, the amount of film infrastructure 43 transferable tax credits issued for a qualified production is reduced by 10 percent of 44 the amount of the credits issued and an amount of money equal to the amount of 45 that reduction must be transferred to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and 46 Related Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 30 of 47 this bill. Section 16 of this bill: (1) limits the total amount of film infrastructure 48 transferable tax credits issued pursuant to sections 1-19; (2) requires annual 49 increases to that amount for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2030; (3) 50 authorizes the lead participant of each Project to establish exceptions to certain 51 limits on the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for a single 52 qualified production at that Project; and (4) prohibits the approval of application for 53 film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the application is submitted in a fiscal 54 year that begins at least 20 years after the Las Vegas Media Campus Project





55 becomes eligible to apply for film infrastructure transferable tax credits. Section 17 56 of this bill requires the Executive Director of the Office to approve applications for 57 film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the production company submitting the 58 application is eligible for such credits. Section 19 of this bill requires certain 59 reports to be made to the Legislature concerning film infrastructure transferable tax 60 credits.

61 Sections 20-23 of this bill make various changes to the existing law governing 62 the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion and other productions. 63 (NRS 360.758-360.7598) Section 20 of this bill: (1) provides that digital media 64 productions are qualified productions for the purposes of eligibility for film 65 infrastructure transferable tax credits and noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; 66 and (2) clarifies that media productions solely produced for social media are not 67 eligible for such transferable tax credits. Section 21 of this bill: (1) authorizes a 68 production company that submits an application for noninfrastructure transferable 69 tax credits on or after July 1, 2023, to claim any credits issued against the liability 70 of the production company for the modified business tax and obtain a refund of the 71 credits to the extent that the amount of credits exceeds the tax liability of the 72 production company; (2) provides for the amount of noninfrastructure transferable ź3 tax credits issued for a qualified production to be reduced by 10 percent of the 74 amount of transferable tax credits issued; and (3) requires the transfer of the amount 75 of that reduction to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology 76 Education and Vocational Training created by section 30. Section 22 of this bill 77 increases the base amount of transferable tax credits from 15 percent of the 78 qualified direct production expenditures to 30 percent of the qualified direct 79 production expenditures, subject to the transfer of money in an amount equal to 10 80 percent of any credits issued to a production company to the Account for Nevada 81 Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training. Section 82 23 of this bill temporarily increases from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 the total 83 amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for motion picture and other 84 qualified productions that may be issued under the existing program for each fiscal 85 year beginning on or after July 1, 2023.

86 Sections 25-32 of this bill establish a program to provide grants to certain 87 organizations that provide education and vocational training for workforce 88 development in the production of motion pictures and other qualified productions. 89 Section 30 establishes the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related 90 Technology Education and Vocational Training for the purpose of allocating 91 money to certain entities and organizations that provide education and vocational 92 training for such workforce development. Sections 12 and 21 require the transfer 93 of certain money to the Account. Under section 30, money in the Account does not 94 revert at the end of a fiscal year and must be carried forward for expenditure in the 95 next fiscal year. Section 30 requires the allocation of 45 percent of the money 96 transferred to the Account to the Nevada Media Lab established at the Las Vegas 97 Media Campus Project for the operation and overhead costs of the Nevada Media 98 Lab and the allocation of the remaining money transferred to the Account to 99 educational and vocational training organizations for programs for workforce 100 development for the production of qualified productions in this State. Section 31 of 101 this bill establishes and provides for the composition of the Board for Nevada Film, 102 Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training within the Office of Economic Development. Section 32 of this bill: (1) requires the Board to 103 104 establish procedures for applying for a grant from the Account and the criteria to be 105 used to determine whether to make a grant to an applicant; and (2) prohibits the 106 making of a grant from the Account unless the Board approves the application for 107 the grant. 108

Section 36 of this bill provides for the expiration of the provisions of this bill.





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

1 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the Nevada Film Studio 2 Infrastructure Act.

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Sec. 2. 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) The Las Vegas Metropolitan Area is the largest metropolitan 5 area in this State and has sites available to be developed to create 6 large-scale facilities for the location of companies that produce 7 motion pictures and other qualified production in this State, which 8 will create jobs in that industry in this State and diversity the 9 economy of this State.

10 (b) Because the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area is the only area in this State that is appropriate and suitable for the development of 11 12 large-scale projects to develop large-scale facilities for the location 13 of companies that produce motion pictures and other qualified 14 productions and has all the special attributes, conditions and 15 resources that are essential to support such facilities, it is necessary 16 to enact a law of local and special application to promote, develop 17 and secure the advantages of the local and special characteristics 18 and circumstances within the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area, which 19 are found nowhere else in this State, and to benefit the residents of 20 the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area.

21 (c) Therefore, given that a law of local and special application is 22 necessary to promote, develop and secure the advantages of the 23 local and special characteristics and circumstances within the Las 24 Vegas area, which are found nowhere else within this State, and 25 given that such a law is necessary to benefit the residents of that local and special area, a general law cannot be made applicable to 26 the purposes, objects, powers, rights, privileges, immunities, 27 28 liabilities, duties and disabilities set forth in this act.

29 2. The Legislature further finds and declares that as a result of 30 the construction of large-scale facilities for the production of motion 31 pictures and other qualified productions in this State and the direct, 32 indirect and induced economic benefits of such productions in this 33 State, the enactment of this act will achieve a bona fide social or 34 economic purpose and the economic benefits of the issuance of the 35 transferable tax credits to encourage the location of large-scale 36 facilities for the production of motion picture and other qualified 37 productions are expected to exceed any adverse effect of the 38 transferable tax credits on the revenue raised for the provision of 39 services to the public by the State or a local government.

40 **Sec. 3.** As used in sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act, 41 unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined 42 NRS 360.7581 to 360.7586, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed





to them in those sections and the words and terms defined in
sections 4 to 9, inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to
them in those sections.

Sec. 4. "Capital investment" means all costs and expenses incurred by the participants in the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, as applicable, only in connection with the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the infrastructure at the Project for the production of qualified productions at the Project.

10 Sec. 5. "Las Vegas Media Campus Project" or "Zone 1" 11 means a real estate development project undertaken by a business or 12 group of businesses that is:

13 1. Located at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park on 14 the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus and land contiguous 15 to, and including all land within, the Park; and

16 2. A development consisting of a site that integrates at one site 17 various components for the production of qualified productions, 18 including, without limitation, film and television production studios 19 with multiples soundstages and support facilities, sites for the 20 creation of content for qualified productions and the Nevada Media 21 Lab.

22 **Sec. 6.** "Lead participant" means the person designated by the 23 participants in the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the 24 Summerlin Production Studios Project, as applicable, as the lead 25 participant for that Project.

Sec. 7. "Nevada Media Lab" means a site within the Las 26 27 Vegas Media Campus Project that will connect the Project with 28 organizations in this State that provide vocational training and 29 education for the development of a trained workforce for the production of qualified productions in this State. Participants in the 30 31 Nevada Media Lab may include, without limitation, universities, 32 colleges, community colleges, school districts, private schools, 33 charter schools, secondary schools, elementary schools, media-34 related vocational school programs, hospitality workers, veterans 35 organizations and other entities, organizations and persons that seek 36 or provide vocational training and education.

37 **Sec. 8.** "Office" means the Office of Economic Development 38 within the Office of the Governor.

Sec. 9. "Summerlin Production Studios Project" or "Zone 2" means the real property burdened by the following development agreements and owned by the master developer under such development agreements or such master developer's affiliated entities:

44 1. Development Agreement between the Clark County and45 Howard Hughes Properties, Limited Partnership dated February 7,





1 1996, as amended, and recorded on September 4, 1996, in Book 2 960904 as Instrument No. 01725 and re-recorded on September 10.

2 960904 as Instrument No. 01725 and re-recorded on September 10,
3 1996, in Book 960910 as Instrument No. 01379 in the official
4 records of the Clark County, Nevada Recorder's Office.

5 2. Development Agreement between the City of Las Vegas and 6 Howard Hughes Properties, Limited Partnership, recorded on 7 November 21, 1997, in book 971121 as Instrument No. 00839, as 8 amended, in the official records of the Clark County, Nevada 9 Recorder's Office.

10 Sec. 10. 1. Not later than 120 days after July 1, 2023, the 11 Office of Economic Development shall enter into a development 12 agreement with:

(a) The lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus
Project, which is also known as Zone 1. The development
agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph:

16 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, must 17 require the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to make a total new 18 capital investment in this State of:

19 (I) At least \$200,000,000, including the cost of any land 20 acquired for the project and the cost equivalent of land subject to a 21 ground lease, by December 31, 2027.

(II) At least a cumulative total, including the amount
described in sub-subparagraph (I) of \$500,000,000 by December 31,
2029;

(2) Must establish the minimum amount of square feet of
building space at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to be used
for the various components of the production of qualified
productions and require the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to
include within that space the Nevada Media Lab;

30 (3) Must establish the minimum number of acres of
 31 contiguous real property that will be a part of the Las Vegas Media
 32 Campus Project; and

(4) May include such other provisions, not inconsistent with
law, concerning the development of the Las Vegas Media Campus
Project and the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax
credits pursuant to sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act, as agreed
to by the Office and the lead participant of the Las Vegas Media
Campus Project.

39 (b) The lead participant of the Summerlin Production Studios
40 Project, which is also known as Zone 2. The development
41 agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph must:

42 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, require the43 Summerlin Production Studios Project to:

44 (I) Complete construction of a development for the 45 production of qualified productions at the site of the Summerlin



Production Studios Project, which consists of a new capital
 investment in this State of at least \$150,000,000, by December 31,
 2027; and

4 (II) Complete construction of a second phase of a 5 development for the production of qualified productions at the site 6 of the Summerlin Production Studios Project, which consists of a 7 new capital investment in this State of at least \$250,000,000 in 8 addition to the new capital investment described in sub-9 subparagraph (I), resulting in a cumulative new capital investment 10 in this State of \$400,000,000, by December 31, 2029;

11 (2) Must establish the minimum amount of square feet of 12 building space at the Summerlin Production Studios Project to be 13 used for the various components of the production of qualified 14 productions;

15 (3) Must establish the minimum number of acres of 16 contiguous real property that will be a part of the Summerlin 17 Production Studios Project; and

18 (4) May include such other provisions, not inconsistent with 19 law, concerning the development of the Summerlin Production 20 Studios Project and the issuance of film infrastructure transferable 21 tax credits pursuant to sections 3 to 19, inclusive, of this act, as 22 agreed to by the Office and the lead participant of the Summerlin 23 Production Studios Project.

24 2. As the Executive Director of the Office deems necessary or 25 advisable, the Executive Director may modify any requirement set 26 forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or 27 subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 by extending the 28 date by which the capital investment set forth in those provisions 29 must be made.

30 3. The Office shall not approve any abatement, partial 31 abatement or exemption from taxes or any other incentive for 32 economic development, other than film infrastructure transferable 33 tax credits pursuant to sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act or 34 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.758 35 to 360.7598, inclusive, for a Project if that Project has entered into a 36 development agreement with the Office pursuant to this section.

37 **Sec. 11.** 1. Not later than 24 months after the date on which 38 a development agreement is executed pursuant to section 10 of this 39 act, the lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and 40 the lead participant of the Summerlin Production Studios Project shall each make an election for the lead participant's Project of 41 whether a production company located at the site of the lead 42 43 participant's Project must obtain the approval of the lead participant 44 before applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits 45 pursuant to section 12 of this act. An election made pursuant to this





subsection is binding on the Project for 5 years after the date on
 which the election is made. Within 30 days after the date which is 5
 years after the date on which the initial election is made pursuant to
 this subsection, and every 5 years thereafter, the lead participant of
 the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production
 Studios Project, as applicable, may change the election made for the
 Project pursuant to this subsection.

8 2. If the lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus 9 Project or the lead participant of the Summerlin Production Studios 10 Project makes an election pursuant to subsection 1 that a production company located at the site of the lead participant's Project must 11 12 obtain the approval of the lead participant before applying for film 13 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this 14 act for the lead participant's Project, a production company located 15 at the Project must obtain that approval before applying for film 16 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this 17 act. A production company may apply for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act without 18 19 obtaining the approval of the lead participant for the Project at which the production company is located if the lead participant of 20 21 that Project has not made an election pursuant to subsection 1 that a 22 production company located at the site of the lead participant's 23 Project must obtain the approval of the lead participant before 24 applying for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to 25 section 12 of this act.

26 Sec. 12. Beginning on the date on which the Las Vegas 1. 27 Media Campus Project satisfies the criteria set forth in section 10 of 28 this act, a production company that is located at the Las Vegas 29 Media Campus Project and that produces, in whole or in part, a 30 qualified production at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project, may apply to the Office of Economic Development for a certificate of 31 32 eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for any 33 qualified direct production expenditures. The film infrastructure 34 transferable tax credits may be applied to:

(a) Any tax imposed by chapters 363A and 363B of NRS;

36 (b) The gaming license fees imposed by the provisions of37 NRS 463.370;

(c) Any tax imposed by chapter 680B of NRS; or

39 (d) Any combination of the fees and taxes described in 40 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

2. Beginning at the time that the Summerlin Production Studios
Projects executes a development agreement pursuant to section 10
of this act, a production company that is located at the Summerlin
Production Studios Project and that produces, in whole or in part, a
qualified production at the Summerlin Production Studios Project,



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9 (d) Any combination of the fees and taxes described in 10 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

3. Except as otherwise provided in section 16 of this act, the 11 12 Office shall approve an application for a certificate of eligibility for 13 film infrastructure transferable tax credits if the Office finds that the 14 production company is producing the qualified production, in whole 15 or in part, at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin 16 Production Studios Project, as applicable, and the production 17 company qualifies for the film infrastructure transferable tax credits 18 pursuant to subsection 4. If the Office approves the application, the 19 Office shall calculate the estimated amount of the film infrastructure 20 transferable tax credits pursuant to sections 14, 15 and 16 of this act.

4. To be eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax credits
pursuant to this section, the lead participant, on behalf of the
production company, must:

24 (a) Submit an application that meets the requirements of 25 subsection 5;

26 (b) If the lead participant of the Project at which the production 27 company is located has made an election pursuant to section 11 of 28 this act that requires approval of the lead participant before a 29 production company may apply for film infrastructure transferable tax credits, provide proof to the Office that the lead participant has 30 31 approved the production company to be issued film infrastructure 32 transferable tax credits for the qualified production for which the 33 application is submitted:

34 (c) Provide proof to the Office that 70 percent or more of the35 funding for the qualified production has been obtained;

(d) Provide proof to the Office that at least 60 percent of thedirect production expenditures for:

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- (1) Preproduction;
- (2) Production; and

40 (3) If any direct production expenditures for postproduction 41 will be incurred in this State, postproduction,

42 \rightarrow of the qualified production will be incurred in this State as 43 qualified direct production expenditures;

44 (e) Provide proof to the Office that the applicant:





1 (1) Has in place a diversity plan that outlines specific goals 2 for hiring minority persons and women, and for using vendors that 3 are minority-owned business enterprises or woman-owned business 4 enterprises; and

5 (2) Has met or made good-faith efforts to achieve the goals 6 set forth in the diversity plan;

7 (f) Not later than 270 days after the completion of principal 8 photography of the qualified production or, if any direct production 9 expenditures for postproduction will be incurred in this State, not later than 270 days after the completion of postproduction, unless 10 the Office agrees to extend this period by not more than 90 days, 11 12 provide the Office with an audit of the qualified production that 13 includes an itemized report of qualified direct production 14 expenditures which:

15 (1) Shows that the qualified production incurred qualified 16 direct production expenditures of \$500,000 or more; and

17 (2) Is certified by an independent certified public accountant18 in this State who is approved by the Office;

(g) Pay the cost of the audit required by paragraph (f); and

20 (h) Enter into a written agreement with the Office that requires 21 the production company to include:

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(1) In the end screen credits of the qualified production:

(I) A logo of this State provided by the Office which
 indicates that the qualified production was filmed or otherwise
 produced in Nevada; and

(II) An acknowledgement that the qualified production
 was produced at the Project site; or

28 (2) If the qualified production does not have end screen 29 credits, another acknowledgement in the final version of the 30 qualified production which indicates that the qualified production 31 was:

32 33 (I) Filmed or otherwise produced in Nevada; and

(II) Produced at the Project site.

5. An application submitted pursuant to subsection 4 must contain:

36 (a) A script, storyboard or synopsis of the qualified production;

37 (b) The names of the production company, producer, director 38 and proposed cast;

39 (c) An estimated timeline to complete the qualified production;

40 (d) A summary of the budgeted expenditures for the entire 41 production, including projected expenditures to be incurred outside 42 of Nevada;

(e) Details regarding the financing of the qualified production,including, without limitation, any information relating to a binding





1 financing commitment, loan application, commitment letter or 2 investment letter:

3 (f) An insurance certificate, binder or quote for general liability 4 insurance of \$1,000,000 or more;

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(g) The business address of the production company;

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(h) The diversity plan of the production company;

7 (i) If the lead participant of the Project at which the production 8 company is located has made an election pursuant to section 11 of 9 this act that requires approval of the lead participant before a production company may apply for film infrastructure transferable 10 tax credits, the lead participant has approved the production 11 12 company to be issued film infrastructure transferable tax credits for 13 the qualified production for which the application is submitted;

14 (j) Proof that the qualified production meets any applicable requirements relating to workers' compensation insurance; and 15

16 (k) Proof that the production company has secured all licenses and registrations required to do business in each location in this 17 18 State at which the qualified production will be produced.

19 If the Office approves an application for a certificate of 6. 20 eligibility for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to 21 this section, the Office shall immediately forward a copy of the 22 certificate of eligibility which identifies the estimated amount of the 23 tax credits available pursuant to section 14 of this act to:

24 (a) The applicant;

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(b) The Department of Taxation; and

(c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.

27 7. Within 60 business days after receipt of an audit provided by 28 a production company pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 4 and 29 any other accountings or other information required by the Office, the Office shall determine whether to certify the audit and make a 30 final determination of whether a certificate of film infrastructure 31 transferable tax credits will be issued. If the Office certifies the 32 33 determines that all other requirements for the film audit. 34 infrastructure transferable tax credits have been met and determines 35 that a certificate of film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be 36 issued, the Office shall notify the production company that the film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be issued. Within 30 days 37 38 after the receipt of the notice, the production company shall make an 39 irrevocable declaration of the amount of film infrastructure 40 transferable tax credits that will be applied to each fee or tax set 41 forth in subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, thereby accounting for all 42 of the credits which will be issued. Upon receipt of the declaration, 43 the Office shall issue to the production company a certificate of film 44 infrastructure transferable tax credits in the amount approved by the 45 Office for the fees or taxes included in the declaration of the





1 production company. The production company shall notify the 2 Office upon transferring any of the film infrastructure transferable 3 tax credits. The Office shall notify the Department of Taxation and 4 the Nevada Gaming Control Board of all film infrastructure 5 transferable tax credits issued, segregated by each fee or tax set 6 forth in subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, and the amount of any film 7 infrastructure transferable tax credits transferred.

8 8. Within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the issuance of 9 film infrastructure transferable tax credits, the Department of Taxation or, if the film infrastructure transferable tax credits will be 10 applied to the gaming license fee imposed by the provisions of NRS 11 12 463.370, the Nevada Gaming Control Board shall notify the State 13 Controller of the issuance of the film infrastructure transferable tax 14 credits and the State Controller shall transfer an amount money 15 equal to 10 percent of the amount of film infrastructure transferable 16 tax credits issued to the production company to the Account for 17 Nevada Film, Media and Technology Education and Vocational 18 Training created by section 30 of this act. The amount of any film 19 infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to a production 20 company must be reduced by the amount of money transferred pursuant to this subsection to the Account for Nevada Film, Media 21 22 and Technology Education and Vocational Training created by 23 section 30 of this act.

24 If, pursuant to subsection 7, the Office issues a certificate of 9. 25 film infrastructure transferable tax credits to a production company, 26 the production company may apply the film infrastructure 27 transferable tax credits to the tax imposed by chapter 363B of NRS 28 on the production company. The production company must claim 29 such credits on the first return filed with the Department of Taxation 30 pursuant to NRS 363B.110 after the issuance of the film 31 infrastructure transferable tax credits. To the extent that the amount 32 of film infrastructure transferable tax credits exceeds the amount of 33 tax due for that period, the Department of Taxation shall issue to the 34 production company a refund of the amount by which the amount of 35 credits exceeds the amount of tax due.

10. An applicant for film infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to this section shall, upon the request of the Executive Director of the Office, furnish the Executive Director with copies of all records necessary to verify that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 4.

- 41 11. The Office:
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(a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing:

(1) Any additional qualified expenditures or production costs
that may serve as the basis for film infrastructure transferable tax
credits pursuant to section 13 of this act;





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(2) The application review process:

2 (3) That a qualified production that receives a rating of NC-3 17 from the Motion Picture Association of America, or its successor 4 organization, is not eligible for film infrastructure transferable tax 5 credits:

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(4) That a qualified production, other than a qualified 7 production which receives a rating from the Motion Picture 8 Association of America, or its successor organization, is not eligible 9 for film infrastructure transferable tax credits if it contains any material that is equivalent to material that would cause a qualified 10 production rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, or 11 12 its successor organization, to be rated NC-17; and

13 (5) The requirements for notice pursuant to section 17 of this 14 act: and

15 (6) Any necessary provisions to ensure compliance with the 16 requirements of paragraph (e) of subsection 4 relating to diversity 17 plans and that are necessary to require that the diversity plan of an 18 applicant reflects the diversity of this State.

19 (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to ensure 20 that the provisions of sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act are 21 carried out in a manner that is reasonable and customary within the 22 industry for the production of qualified productions.

23 12. The Nevada Tax Commission and the Nevada Gaming 24 Commission:

25 (a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which film 26 infrastructure transferable tax credits will be administered.

27 (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to carry 28 out the provisions of sections 1 to 19, inclusive, of this act.

29 Sec. 13. 1. Qualified direct production expenditures must be 30 for purchases, rentals or leases of tangible personal property or services from a Nevada business during the period in which a 31 32 qualified production is produced, must be customary and reasonable 33 and must relate to:

34 (a) Set construction and operation;

35 (b) Wardrobe and makeup;

36 (c) Photography, sound and lighting;

37 (d) Filming, film processing and film editing;

38 (e) The rental or leasing of facilities, equipment and vehicles;

39 (f) Food and lodging;

40 (g) Editing, sound mixing, special effects, visual effects and 41 other postproduction services:

42 (h) The payroll for Nevada residents or other personnel who 43 provided services in this State;

44 (i) Payment for goods or services provided by a Nevada 45 business;





1 (j) The design, construction, improvement or repair of property, 2 infrastructure, equipment or a production or postproduction facility;

3 (k) State and local government taxes to the extent not included 4 as part of another cost reported pursuant to this section;

(l) Fees paid to a producer who is a Nevada resident; and

6 (m) Any other transaction, service or activity authorized in 7 regulations adopted by the Office of Economic Development 8 pursuant to section 12 of this act.

2. Expenditures and costs:

10 (a) Related to:

11 (1) The acquisition, transfer or use of film infrastructure 12 transferable tax credits;

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(2) Marketing and distribution;

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(3) Financing, depreciation and amortization;

15 (4) The payment of any profits as a result of the qualified 16 production;

17 (5) The payment for the cost of the audit required by section18 12 of this act; and

19 (6) The payment for any goods or services that are not 20 directly attributable to the qualified production;

21 (b) For which reimbursement is received, or for which 22 reimbursement is reasonably expected to be received;

(c) Which are paid to a joint venturer or a parent, subsidiary or
other affiliate of the production company, unless the amount paid
represents the fair market value of the purchase, rental or lease of
the property or services for which payment is made;

(d) Which provide a pass-through benefit to a person who is nota Nevada resident; or

(e) Which have been previously claimed as a basis for filminfrastructure transferable tax credits,

31 → are not qualified direct production expenditures and are not
 32 eligible to serve as a basis for film infrastructure transferable tax
 33 credits issued pursuant to section 12 of this act.

34 3. If any tangible personal property is acquired by a Nevada 35 business from a vendor outside this State for immediate resale, 36 rental or lease to a production company that produces a qualified 37 production, expenditures incurred by the production company for 38 the purchase, rental or lease of the property are qualified direct 39 production expenditures if:

40 (a) The Nevada business regularly deals in property of that kind;
41 (b) The expenditures are otherwise qualified direct production
42 expenditures under the provisions of this section; and

(c) Not more than 50 percent of the property purchased, rented
or leased by the production company for the qualified production is
acquired and purchased, rented or leased in the manner described in





this subsection. In making the calculation required by this
 paragraph, the cost of any property that remains an asset of the
 Nevada business after production of the qualified production has
 ended must not be included in the calculation as property purchased,
 rented or leased in the manner described in this subsection.

6 4. If any tangible personal property is acquired by the 7 production company as an asset, the calculation of the costs of the 8 tangible personal property that constitute a qualified direct 9 production expenditure must be performed in the manner prescribed 10 by the Office of Economic Development by regulation.

Sec. 14. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and sections 15 and 16 of this act, the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to an eligible production company pursuant to section 12 of this act must equal 30 percent of the qualified direct production expenditures.

16 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 3 and 4 and 17 section 16 of this act, if the eligible production company submitted the application for the certificate of eligibility for film infrastructure 18 19 transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act on or after 20 that date that is 36 months after the date on which the applicable 21 development agreement was executed pursuant to section 10 of this 22 act, the base amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 23 calculated pursuant to subsection 1 must be reduced by 2 percent of 24 the qualified direct production expenditures if less than 50 percent 25 of the below-the-line personnel of the qualified production are 26 Nevada residents. A reduction in the amount of film infrastructure 27 transferable tax credits pursuant to this subsection must not reduce 28 the amount of money transferred pursuant to subsection 8 of section 29 12 of this act to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and 30 Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 31 30 of this act.

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3. For the purposes of subsection 2:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this
subsection, the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are
Nevada residents must be determined by dividing the number of
workdays worked by Nevada residents by the number of workdays
worked by all below-the-line personnel.

(b) Any work performed by an extra must not be considered in
 determining the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are
 Nevada residents.

41 4. The Office may:

42 (a) Reduce the cumulative amount of film infrastructure 43 transferable tax credits that are calculated pursuant to this section by 44 an amount equal to any damages incurred by the State or any





political subdivision of the State as a result of a qualified production
 that is produced in this State; or

3 (b) Withhold the film infrastructure transferable tax credits, in 4 whole or in part:

5 (1) Until any pending legal action in this State against a 6 production company or involving a qualified production is resolved.

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(2) If a production company violates any state or local law.

8 (3) If a production company is found to have submitted any 9 false statement, representation or certification in any document 10 submitted for the purpose of obtaining film infrastructure 11 transferable tax credits.

12 Sec. 15. 1. In calculating the base amount of film 13 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to subsection 1 of 14 section 14 of this act:

(a) Wages and salaries, including fringe benefits, paid to abovethe-line personnel who are not Nevada residents must be included in
the calculation at a rate of 12 percent.

18 (b) Wages and salaries, including fringe benefits, paid to below-19 the-line personnel who are not Nevada residents must not be 20 included in the calculation.

21 2. As used in this section, "fringe benefits" means employee 22 expenses paid by an employer for the use of a person's services, 23 including, without limitation, payments made to a governmental 24 entity, union dues, health insurance premiums, payments to a 25 pension plan and payments for workers' compensation insurance.

26 **Sec. 16.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 27 Executive Director of the Office shall not approve any application 28 for film infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to 29 section 12 of this act if:

30 (a) For an application submitted by a production company31 located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project:

32 (1) On or after the date on which the Las Vegas Media 33 Campus Project satisfies the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 34 35 10 of this act but before the date on which the Las Vegas Media 36 Campus Project satisfies the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph 37 (II) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 38 10 of this act, the approval of the application would cause the total 39 amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved 40 pursuant to section 12 of this act for production companies located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to exceed the sum of 41 42 \$55,000,000 for each fiscal year.

43 (2) On or after the date on which the Las Vegas Media
44 Campus Project satisfies the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph
45 (II) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section





1 10 of this act, approval of the application would cause the total 2 amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits approved 3 pursuant to section 12 of this act for production companies located 4 at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project to exceed the sum of 5 \$95,000,000 for each fiscal year.

6 (b) For an application submitted by a production company 7 located at the Summerlin Production Studios Project:

8 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, after 9 Summerlin Production Studios Project has executed a the development agreement pursuant to section 10 of this act but before 10 the date on which the Summerlin Production Studios Project 11 12 satisfies all of the criteria set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph 13 (b) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, approval of the 14 application would cause the total amount of film infrastructure 15 transferable tax credits approved pursuant to section 12 of this act 16 for production companies located at the Summerlin Production 17 Studios Project to exceed the sum of \$40,000,000 for each fiscal 18 year. If the Summerlin Production Studios Project does not satisfy 19 the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of 20 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, the Office 21 shall not approve any application for film infrastructure transferable 22 tax credits submitted by a production company located at the Project 23 after December 31, 2027. If the Summerlin Production Studios 24 Project does not satisfy the criteria set forth in sub-subparagraph (II) 25 of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 10 of 26 this act, the Office shall not approve any application for film 27 infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted by a production 28 company located at the Project after December 31, 2029.

29 (2) On or after the date on which the Summerlin Production 30 Studios Project satisfies all of the criteria set forth in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act, 31 32 approval of the application would cause the total amount of film 33 infrastructure transferable tax credits approved pursuant to section 34 12 of this act for production companies located at the Summerlin 35 Production Studios Project to exceed the sum of \$80,000,000 for 36 each fiscal vear.

(c) The application is submitted by a production company
located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin
Production Studios Project in a fiscal year that begins more than 20
years after the Las Vegas Media Campus satisfied the criteria set
forth in sub-subparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of
subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.

2. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2030-2031, the monetary
amounts in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 must be adjusted
for each fiscal year by adding to those amounts the product of the





amount multiplied by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price
 Index (All Items) for the region applicable to the Las Vegas
 Metropolitan Area from July 2027 to the July preceding the fiscal
 year for which the adjustment is calculated. The Office shall, on or
 before September 30, 2028, and on or before September 30 of each
 year thereafter, post on its Internet website the adjusted monetary
 amounts.

8 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1 and 2, the 9 amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits authorized for a Project for a fiscal year that are not approved for that fiscal year 10 may be carried forward for that Project and made available for 11 12 approval only during the next fiscal year for production companies 13 located at that Project, but the amount of film infrastructure 14 transferable tax credits carried forward and made available for approval during the next fiscal year must not exceed 50 percent of 15 16 the amount of film transferable tax credits authorized for that 17 Project for the fiscal year from which the film infrastructure 18 transferable tax credits are being carried forward.

19 4. The film infrastructure transferable tax credits issued to any 20 production company for any qualified production pursuant to 21 section 12 of this act:

22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, must not 23 exceed a total amount of \$10,000,000 per episode, if the qualified 24 production is a television, Internet or other media series, or 25 \$30,000,000, if the qualified production is a motion picture. The 26 lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the 27 lead participant of Summerlin Production Studios Project may 28 declare, not later than 24 months after the execution of the 29 development agreement applicable to the Project pursuant to section 30 10 of this act, that a qualified production produced at the Las Vegas 31 Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios 32 Project, respectively, is not subject to the limitation set forth in this 33 paragraph. A qualified production by a production company located 34 at a Project for which such a declaration is made is not subject to the 35 limitation on the amount of film infrastructure transferable tax 36 credits set forth in this paragraph.

(b) Expire 6 years after the date on which the film infrastructuretransferable tax credits are issued to the production company.

5. For the purposes of calculating qualified direct productionexpenditures:

(a) The compensation payable to all producers who are Nevada
residents must not exceed 10 percent of the portion of the total
budget of the qualified production that was expended in or
attributable to any expenses incurred in this State.





1 (b) The compensation payable to all producers who are not 2 Nevada residents must not exceed 5 percent of the portion of the 3 total budget of the qualified production that was expended in or 4 attributable to any expenses incurred in this State.

5 (c) The compensation payable to any employee, independent 6 contractor or any other person who is below-the-line personnel and 7 who is paid a wage or salary as compensation for providing labor 8 services on the production of the qualified production must not 9 exceed \$1,500,000.

Sec. 17. 1. Except as otherwise provided in sections 3 to 19, inclusive, of this act, the Executive Director of the Office shall approve an application for film infrastructure transferable tax credits submitted pursuant to section 12 of this act if the Executive Director determines that the applicant satisfies the criteria for the issuance of film infrastructure transferable tax credits.

16 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the 17 application is approved, principal photography of the qualified 18 production must begin not more than 90 days after the date on 19 which the decision on the application is issued. The Office:

(a) Shall prescribe by regulation the procedure for determining
the date of commencement of qualified productions that do not
include photography for the purposes of this section.

(b) May extend by not more than 90 days the period otherwiseprescribed by this subsection.

25 A production company that produces a qualified production 3. 26 shall submit the audit required by section 12 of this act and all other 27 required information to the Office and the Department of Taxation 28 within the time required by paragraph (f) of subsection 4 of section 29 12 of this act. Production of the qualified production must be 30 completed within 18 months after the date of commencement of 31 principal photography. If the Office or the Department determines 32 that information submitted pursuant to this subsection is incomplete, 33 the production company shall, not later than 30 days after receiving 34 notice that the information is incomplete, provide to the Office or 35 the Department, as applicable, all additional information required by 36 the Office or the Department.

37 Sec. 18. 1. A production company that is found to have 38 submitted any false statement, representation or certification in any 39 document submitted for the purpose of obtaining film infrastructure 40 transferable tax credits or who otherwise becomes ineligible for film 41 infrastructure transferable tax credits after receiving the film 42 infrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this 43 act shall repay to the Department of Taxation or the Nevada Gaming 44 Control Board, as applicable, any portion of the film infrastructure





5 transferee unless the transferee submitted fraudulent information in 6 connection with the purchase. **Sec. 19.** The Office shall, on or before October 1 of each year, 7 8 prepare and submit to the Governor and to the Director of the 9 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature an annual report which includes, for the immediately preceding fiscal 10 11 year: 12 The number of applications submitted for film infrastructure 1. 13 transferable tax credits pursuant to section 12 of this act; 14 2. The number of qualified productions for which film 15 infrastructure transferable tax credits were approved; 16 3. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 17 approved; 18 4. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 19 used: 20 5. The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 21 transferred: 22 The amount of film infrastructure transferable tax credits 6 23 taken against each allowable fee or tax, including the actual amount 24 used and outstanding, in total and for each qualified production; 25 7. The total amount of the qualified direct production 26 expenditures incurred by each qualified production and the portion 27 of those expenditures that were incurred in Nevada; 28 The number of persons in Nevada employed by each 8. 29 qualified production and the amount of wages paid to those persons; 30 and 31 9. The period during which each qualified production was in 32 Nevada and employed persons in Nevada. 33 Sec. 20. NRS 360.7586 is hereby amended to read as follows: 360.7586 34 1. "Qualified production" includes preproduction, 35 production and postproduction and means: 36 (a) A theatrical, direct-to-video or other media motion picture. 37 (b) A made-for-television motion picture. 38 (c) Visual effects or digital animation sequences. 39 (d) A television pilot program. 40 (e) A television, Internet or other media series, including, 41 without limitation, a comedy, drama, miniseries, soap opera, talk 42 show, game show or telenovela, or an episode of such a series. 43 (f) A reality show. 44

(g) A national or regional commercial or series of commercials.

45 (h) An infomercial.



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transferable tax credits to which the production company is not

good faith are not subject to forfeiture or repayment by the

- 1 (i) A music video.
 - (i) A documentary film or series.

3 (k) Other visual media productions, including, without 4 limitation, *digital media*, video games and mobile applications. The term does not include:

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(a) A news, weather or current events program.

7 (b) A production that is primarily produced for industrial, 8 corporate or institutional use.

9 (c) A telethon or any production that solicits money, other than a production which is produced for national distribution. 10

11 (d) A political advertisement.

12 (e) A sporting event, including, without limitation, a sportscast, 13 preshow, postshow or sports newscast related to a sporting event. A 14 qualified production described by subsection 1 shall not be deemed 15 a sporting event for the purposes of this paragraph for the sole reason that it features athletes or relates to sports. 16 17

(f) A gala, pageant or awards show.

18 (g) Any type of media production created solely for the purpose 19 of posting the production on social media.

20 (h) Any other type of production that is excluded by regulations 21 adopted by the Office of Economic Development pursuant to 22 NRS 360.759.

Sec. 21. NRS 360.759 is hereby amended to read as follows:

24 360.759 A production company that produces a qualified 1. 25 production in this State in whole or in part may apply to the Office 26 of Economic Development for a certificate of eligibility for 27 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for any qualified direct 28 production expenditures. The *noninfrastructure* transferable tax 29 credits may be applied to:

30 (a) Any tax imposed by chapters 363A and 363B of NRS;

31 (b) The gaming license fees imposed by the provisions of 32 NRS 463.370;

33 (c) Any tax imposed pursuant to chapter 680B of NRS; or

34 (d) Any combination of the fees and taxes described in 35 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).

36 The Office may approve an application for a certificate of 2. eligibility for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits if the Office 37 38 finds that the production company producing the qualified production qualifies for the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax 39 credits pursuant to subsection 3. If the Office approves the 40 application, the Office shall calculate the estimated amount of the 41 42 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 43 360.7592, 360.7593 and 360.7594.

44 3. To be eligible for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits 45 pursuant to this section, a production company must:





1 (a) Submit an application that meets the requirements of 2 subsection 4:

3 (b) Provide proof satisfactory to the Office that the qualified 4 production is in the economic interest of the State:

5 (c) Provide] proof [satisfactory] to the Office that 70 percent or 6 more of the funding for the qualified production has been obtained;

7 (d) (c) Provide proof satisfactory to the Office that at least 8 60 percent of the direct production expenditures for:

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(1) Preproduction: (2) Production; and

10 11 (3) If any direct production expenditures for postproduction 12 will be incurred in this State, postproduction,

13 \rightarrow of the qualified production will be incurred in this State as 14 qualified direct production expenditures;

[(e)] (d) Not later than 270 days after the completion of 15 principal photography of the qualified production or, if any direct 16 17 production expenditures for postproduction will be incurred in this State, not later than 270 days after the completion of postproduction, 18 unless the Office agrees to extend this period by not more than 90 19 20 days, provide the Office with an audit of the qualified production that includes an itemized report of qualified direct production 21 22 expenditures which:

23 (1) Shows that the qualified production incurred qualified 24 direct production expenditures of \$500,000 or more; and

25 (2) Is certified by an independent certified public accountant 26 in this State who is approved by the Office;

27 [(f)] (e) Pay the cost of the audit required by paragraph [(e);]28 (d); and

29 (g) (f) Enter into a written agreement with the Office that 30 requires the production company to include:

(1) In the end screen credits of the qualified production $\left[\begin{array}{c} a \\ a \end{array} \right]$:

32 (I) A logo of this State provided by the Office which 33 indicates that the qualified production was filmed or otherwise produced in Nevada; and 34

35 (II) If the qualified production was produced at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production 36 Studios Project, an acknowledgment of the Project at which the 37 38 qualified production was produced; or

(2) If the qualified production does not have end screen 39 40 credits, another acknowledgement in the final version of the qualified production which indicates that the qualified production 41 42 was [filmed]: 43

(I) *Filmed* or otherwise produced in Nevada; and

44 [(h) Meet any other requirements prescribed by regulation 45 pursuant to this section.]





(II) Produced at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project 1 2 or the Summerlin Production Studios Project, if applicable. 3 An application submitted pursuant to subsection 3 must 4. contain: 4 5 (a) A script, storyboard or synopsis of the qualified production; 6 (b) The names of the production company, producer, director 7 and proposed cast; 8 (c) An estimated timeline to complete the qualified production; 9 (d) A summary of the budgeted expenditures for the entire production, including projected expenditures to be incurred outside 10 11 of Nevada: 12 (e) Details regarding the financing of the project, including, 13 without limitation, any information relating to a binding financing 14 commitment, loan application, commitment letter or investment 15 letter: 16 (f) An insurance certificate, binder or quote for general liability 17 insurance of \$1,000,000 or more; 18 (g) The business address of the production company; 19 (h) Proof that the qualified production meets any applicable 20 requirements relating to workers' compensation insurance; and 21 (i) Proof that the production company has secured all licenses 22 and registrations required to do business in each location in this 23 State at which the qualified production will be produced. [; and 24 (i) Any other information required by regulations adopted by the 25 Office pursuant to subsection 8.] 26 5. If the Office approves an application for a certificate of 27 eligibility for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits pursuant to 28 this section, the Office shall immediately forward a copy of the 29 certificate of eligibility which identifies the estimated amount of the 30 tax credits available pursuant to NRS 360.7592 to: 31 (a) The applicant; 32 (b) The Department; and 33 (c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board. Within 60 business days after receipt of an audit provided by 34 6. 35 a production company pursuant to paragraph $\frac{(e)}{(d)}$ of subsection 36 3 and any other accountings or other information required by the 37 Office, the Office shall determine whether to certify the audit and 38 make а final determination of whether a certificate of 39 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits will be issued. If the 40 Office certifies the audit, determines that all other requirements for the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits have been met and 41 42 determines that a certificate of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax 43 credits will be issued, the Office shall notify the production 44 company that the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits will be 45 issued. Within 30 days after the receipt of the notice, the production





1 company shall make an irrevocable declaration of the amount of 2 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits that will be applied to 3 each fee or tax set forth in subsection 1, thereby accounting for all 4 of the credits which will be issued. Upon receipt of the declaration, 5 the Office shall issue to the production company a certificate of 6 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits in the amount approved 7 by the Office for the fees or taxes included in the declaration of the 8 production company. The production company shall notify the 9 Office upon transferring any of the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits. The Office shall notify the Department and the Nevada 10 Gaming Control Board of all *noninfrastructure* transferable tax 11 12 credits issued, segregated by each fee or tax set forth in subsection 13 1, and the amount of any *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits 14 transferred.

15 7. Within 30 days after receipt of the notice of the issuance of 16 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits to a production 17 company that submitted an application for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 18 2043, the Department or, if the noninfrastructure transferable tax 19 20 credits will be applied to the gaming license fee imposed by the provisions of NRS 463.370, the Nevada Gaming Control Board 21 22 shall notify the State Controller of the issuance of the 23 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits and the State Controller 24 shall transfer an amount of money equal to 10 percent of the 25 amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits issued to the 26 production company to the Account for Nevada Film, Media and 27 Technology Education and Vocational Training created by section 28 30 of this act. Any noninfrastructure transferable tax credits 29 issued to a production company must be reduced by the amount of 30 money transferred pursuant to this subsection to the Account for 31 Nevada Film, Media and Technology Education and Vocational 32 Training created by section 30 of this act.

If, pursuant to subsection 6, the Office issues a certificate 33 8. of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits to a production 34 35 company that submitted the application for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 36 37 2043, the production company may apply the noninfrastructure 38 transferable tax credits to the tax imposed by chapter 363B of NRS on the production company. The production company must claim 39 40 such credits on the first return filed with the Department pursuant 41 to NRS 363B.110 after the issuance of the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits. To the extent that the amount of 42 43 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits exceeds the amount of tax due for that period, the Department shall issue to the 44





1 production company a refund of the amount by which the amount 2 of credits exceeds the amount of tax due. An applicant for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits 3 9. pursuant to this section shall, upon the request of the Executive 4 5 Director of the Office, furnish the Executive Director with copies of all records necessary to verify that the applicant meets the 6 7 requirements of subsection 3. 8 [8.] 10. The Office: 9 (a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing: (1) [Any additional requirements to receive transferable tax 10 11 credits: 12 (2) Any additional qualified expenditures or production 13 costs that may serve as the basis for *noninfrastructure* transferable 14 tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.7591; 15 [(3) Any additional information that must be included with 16 an application pursuant to subsection 4; 17 (4) (2) The application review process; 18 [(5) Any type of] (3) That a qualified production that receives a rating of 19 20 NC-17 from the Motion Picture Association of America, or its successor organization, is not eligible for noninfrastructure 21 22 transferable tax credits; 23 (4) That a qualified production [which, due to obscene or 24 sexually explicit material, is not eligible for *noninfrastructure* 25 transferable tax credits **[;]** if it contains any material that is 26 equivalent to material that would cause a qualified production 27 rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, or its 28 successor organization, to be rated NC-17; and 29 (6) (5) The requirements for notice pursuant to NRS 30 360.7595: and 31 (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to fearry 32 out] ensure that the provisions of NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, 33 inclusive . -9.1, are carried out in a manner that is reasonable and 34 35 customary within the industry for the production of qualified 36 productions. 37 11. The Nevada Tax Commission and the Nevada Gaming 38 Commission: (a) Shall adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which 39 40 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits will be administered. 41 (b) May adopt any other regulations that are necessary to carry 42 out the provisions of NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive. 43 12. As used in this section: 44 (a) "Las Vegas Media Campus Project" has the meaning 45 ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.





1 (b) "Summerlin Production Studios Project" has the meaning 2 ascribed to it in section 9 of this act.

Sec. 22. NRS 360.7592 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 360.7592 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection [4] 5

5 and NRS 360.7593 and 360.7594, the base amount of 6 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued to an eligible 7 production company pursuant to NRS 360.759 :

8 (a) For an eligible production company that submitted the 9 application for the certificate of eligibility for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits before July 1, 2023, 10 must equal 15 percent of the qualified direct production 11 12 expenditures.

13 (b) For an eligible production company that submitted the the 14 application for certificate of eligibility for the noninfrastructure transferable tax credits on or after July 1, 2023, 15 and before July 1, 2043, must equal 30 percent of the qualified 16 17 direct production expenditures.

18 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections [3] 4 and [4] 5 19 and NRS 360.7594, if the eligible production company submitted 20 application for the certificate eligibility the of for 21 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 22 360.759 before July 1, 2023, in addition to the base amount 23 calculated pursuant to *paragraph* (a) of subsection 1. 24 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued to an eligible 25 production company [pursuant to NRS 360.759] must include 26 credits in an amount equal to:

(a) An additional 5 percent of the qualified direct production
expenditures if more than 50 percent of the below-the-line personnel
of the qualified production are Nevada residents; and

30 (b) An additional 5 percent of the qualified direct production 31 expenditures if more than 50 percent of the filming days of the 32 qualified production occurred in a county in this State in which, in 33 each of the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application, 34 qualified productions incurred less than \$10,000,000 of qualified 35 direct production expenditures.

36 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5 and 37 NRS 360.7594, if the eligible production company submitted the 38 application for the certificate of eligibility for noninfrastructure transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759 on or after 39 July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2043, the base amount of 40 noninfrastructure transferable tax credits calculated pursuant to 41 42 paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be reduced by 2 percent of the 43 qualified direct production expenditures if less than 50 percent of the below-the-line personnel of the qualified production are 44 45 Nevada residents. A reduction in the amount of film infrastructure





1 transferable tax credits pursuant to this subsection must not

2 reduce the amount of money transferred pursuant to subsection 8

3 of section 12 of this act to the Account for Nevada Film, Media 4 and Technology Education and Vocational Training created by

5 section 30 of this act.

6 4. For the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 [+] and 7 subsection 3:

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this 9 subsection, the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are 10 Nevada residents must be determined by dividing the number of 11 workdays worked by Nevada residents by the number of workdays 12 worked by all below-the-line personnel.

(b) Any work performed by an extra must not be considered in
 determining the percentage of the below-the-line personnel who are
 Nevada residents.

16 [4.] 5. The Office may:

17 (a) Reduce the cumulative amount of *noninfrastructure* 18 transferable tax credits that are calculated pursuant to this section by 19 an amount equal to any damages incurred by the State or any 20 political subdivision of the State as a result of a qualified production 21 that is produced in this State; or

22 (b) Withhold the *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits, in 23 whole or in part:

(1) Until any pending legal action in this State against aproduction company or involving a qualified production is resolved.

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(2) If a production company violates any state or local law.

(3) If a production company is found to have submitted any
false statement, representation or certification in any document
submitted for the purpose of obtaining *noninfrastructure*transferable tax credits.

31 Sec. 23. NRS 360.7594 is hereby amended to read as follows:

32 360.7594 1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 33 the Office of Economic Development shall not approve any 34 application for *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits submitted 35 pursuant to NRS 360.759 if approval of the application would cause 36 the total amount of *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits 37 approved pursuant to NRS 360.759 for each [fiscal]:

(a) Fiscal year commencing before July 1, 2023, and on or *after July 1, 2043*, to exceed the sum of \$10,000,000. Any portion
of the \$10,000,000 per fiscal year for which *noninfrastructure*transferable tax credits have not previously been approved may be
carried forward and made available for approval during the next or
any future fiscal year.

44 (b) Fiscal year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, and 45 before July 1, 2043, to exceed the sum of \$15,000,000. Any portion





1 of the \$15,000,000 per fiscal year for which noninfrastructure

transferable tax credits have not previously been approved may be
carried forward and made available for approval during the next
or any future fiscal year.

5 2. The *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits issued to any 6 production company for any qualified production pursuant to 7 NRS 360.759:

(a) Must not exceed a total amount of \$6,000,000; and

9 (b) Expire [4] 6 years after the date on which the 10 *noninfrastructure* transferable tax credits are issued to the 11 production company.

12 3. For the purposes of calculating qualified direct production 13 expenditures:

(a) The compensation payable to all producers who are Nevada
residents must not exceed 10 percent of the portion of the total
budget of the qualified production that was expended in or
attributable to any expenses incurred in this State.

18 (b) The compensation payable to all producers who are not 19 Nevada residents must not exceed 5 percent of the portion of the 20 total budget of the qualified production that was expended in or 21 attributable to any expenses incurred in this State.

(c) The compensation payable to any employee, independent
 contractor or any other person *who is below-the-line personnel and who is* paid a wage or salary as compensation for providing labor
 services on the production of the qualified production must not
 exceed \$750,000.

Sec. 24. NRS 360.7595 is hereby amended to read as follows:

360.7595 1. If the Office of Economic Development receives
an application for transferable tax credits pursuant to NRS 360.759,
the Office shall, not later than 10 days before a hearing on the
application, provide notice of the hearing to:

32 (a) The applicant;

33 (b) The Department; and

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(c) The Nevada Gaming Control Board.

2. The notice required by this section must set forth the date,
time and location of the hearing on the application. The date of the
hearing must be not later than 60 days after the Office receives the
completed application.

39 3. The Office shall issue a decision on the application not later 40 than 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing on the application.

41 4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the 42 application is approved, principal photography of the qualified 43 production must begin not more than 90 days after the date on 44 which the decision on the application is issued. The Office of 45 Economic Development:





1 (a) Shall prescribe by regulation the procedure for determining 2 the date of commencement of qualified productions that do not 3 include photography for the purposes of this section.

4 (b) May extend by not more than 90 days the period otherwise 5 prescribed by this subsection.

6 A production company that produces a qualified production 5. 7 shall submit the audit required by NRS 360.759 and all other 8 required information to the Office and the Department within the 9 time required by paragraph [(e)] (d) of subsection 3 of NRS 360.759. Production of the qualified production must be completed 10 within 18 months after the date of commencement of principal 11 12 photography. If the Office or the Department determines that 13 information submitted pursuant to this subsection is incomplete, the 14 production company shall, not later than 30 days after receiving notice that the information is incomplete, provide to the Office or 15 16 the Department, as applicable, all additional information required by 17 the Office or the Department.

18 6. The Office shall give priority to the approval and processing 19 of an application relating to a qualified production that promotes 20 tourism in the State of Nevada.

21 Sec. 25. Chapter 231 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 22 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this 23 act.

24 Sec. 26. As used in sections 26 to 32, inclusive, of this act, 25 unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined 26 in sections 27, 28 and 29 of this act have the meanings ascribed to 27 them in those sections.

28 Sec. 27. "Account" means the Account for Nevada Film, 29 Media and Technology Education and Vocational Training 30 created by section 30 of this act.

31 Sec. 28. "Board" means the Board for Nevada Film, Media 32 and Technology Education and Vocational Training created by 33 section 31 of this act.

34 Sec. 29. "Las Vegas Media Campus Project" has the 35 meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of this act.

36 Sec. 30. 1. The Account for Nevada Film, Media and 37 Technology Education and Vocational Training is hereby created 38 in the State General Fund. The Executive Director of the Office of 39 Economic Development, at the direction of the Board, shall 40 administer the Account.

41 2. The Executive Director may apply for and accept gifts, 42 grants, bequests and donations from any source for deposit in the 43 Account.

44 **3.** The Account consists of:





1 (a) Money transferred to the Account pursuant to NRS 2 360.759 and section 12 of this act.

(b) Any direct legislative appropriations to the Account.

4 (c) Any gifts, grants, bequests and donations made to the 5 Account.

6 (d) Interest and income earned on money in the Account.

7 4. The interest and income earned on the money in the 8 Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited 9 to the Account.

10 5. Any money remaining in the Account at the end of the 11 fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the 12 balance in the Account must be carried forward to the next fiscal 13 year.

14 **6**. Money in the Account must be used by the Office to make 15 grants to any institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education, a state or local agency, a school district, a charter 16 17 school, a vocational trade school, a nonprofit organization, a labor organization or a private postsecondary educational institution 18 that provides a program of workforce development for the 19 production of qualified productions in this State. Forty-five 20 21 percent of the money which is distributed from the Account in the 22 form of grants must be allocated to the Nevada Media Lab for the 23 operation and overhead costs of the Nevada Media Lab. Fifty-five 24 percent of the money which is distributed from the Account in the form of grants must be allocated to educational and vocational 25 26 training organizations pursuant to section 32 of this act for the 27 purpose of providing programs of workforce development for the production of qualified productions in this State. 28

7. As used in this section:

30 (a) "Nevada Media Lab" has the meaning ascribed to it in 31 section 7 of this act.

32 (b) "Qualified production" has the meaning ascribed to it in 33 NRS 360.7586.

34 Sec. 31. 1. There is hereby created the Board for Nevada 35 Film, Media and Technology Education and Vocational Training 36 within the Office of Economic Development in the Office of the 37 Governor, consisting of the following voting members:

38 (a) One member appointed by the Governor;

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39 (b) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by 40 the Majority Leader of the Senate;

41 (c) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by 42 the Speaker of the Assembly;

(d) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by
the Minority Leader of the Senate;





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1 (e) One member, who must not be a Legislator, appointed by 2 the Minority Leader of the Assembly;

3 (f) Two members appointed by the Governor, one from a 4 nominee selected by the lead participant in the Las Vegas Media 5 Campus Project and one from a nominee selected by the lead 6 participant in the Summerlin Production Studios Project.

7 2. In appointing members to the Board pursuant to 8 subsection 1, the appointing authorities set forth in that subsection 9 shall coordinate to ensure that both the public and private sectors 10 are represented on the Board.

11 The members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (a), (c) 3. 12 and (e) of subsection 1 must be appointed to an initial term of 2 13 years commencing on January 1, 2024, and the members appointed pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection 1 must 14 be appointed to an initial term of 4 years commencing on 15 January 1, 2024. The Governor shall appoint the member 16 17 appointed pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 who was nominated by the lead participant of the Las Vegas Media Campus 18 Project to an initial term of 4 years commencing on January 1, 19 20 2024, and the initial term of member appointed pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 who was nominated by the 21 22 Summerlin Production Studios Project must be 2 years commencing on January 1, 2024. After the initial terms, each 23 24 member shall serve a term of 4 years. Each member serves at the pleasure of the person appointing that member pursuant to 25 subsection 1. If, for any reason, a vacancy occurs during the term 26 27 of an appointed member, the person who is responsible for making the appointment pursuant to subsection 1 shall appoint a 28 29 replacement qualified pursuant to that subsection to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. Each member may serve not 30 31 more than two consecutive full terms.

4. At the first meeting of each fiscal year, the Board shall
elect from among its members a Chair and a Vice Chair. The
Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development shall
serve as the nonvoting Secretary of the Board.

36 5. A majority of the voting members of the Board constitutes
37 a quorum, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting
38 members of the Board is required to exercise any power conferred
39 on the Board.

40 6. The Board shall meet at least twice each calendar year but 41 may meet more often at the call of the Chair or a majority of the 42 voting members of the Board.

43 7. The members of the Board serve without compensation but 44 are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses





provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged
 in the official business of the Board.

3 8. A member of the Board who is an officer or employee of this State or a political subdivision of this State must be relieved 4 5 from duties without loss of regular compensation so that the officer or employee may prepare for and attend meetings of the 6 Board and perform any work necessary to carry out the duties of 7 8 the Board in the most timely manner practicable. A state agency or political subdivision of this State shall not require an officer or 9 employee who is a member of the Board to make up the time the 10 11 officer or employee is absent from work to carry out duties as a 12 member of the Board or use annual vacation or compensatory 13 time for the absence.

14 9. As used in this section, "Summerlin Production Studios 15 Project" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 9 of this act.

16 Sec. 32. 1. The Board shall establish:

(a) The procedures for a person or entity to apply for a grant
of money from the Account;

19 (b) The criteria to be used to determine whether to approve an 20 application for a grant from the Account to an applicant; and

(c) The requirements for reports by recipients of grants from
the Account concerning the expenditures made from the grant, the
outcomes of the programs supported by the grant and any other
information deemed necessary by the Board.

25 2. The Executive Director of the Office of Economic 26 Development may provide advice and recommendations regarding 27 the procedures, criteria and requirements established by the Board 28 pursuant to subsection 1.

29 3. The Office shall not make a grant of money from the 30 Account unless the Board has approved the application for the 31 grant.

32 4. A recipient of a grant must adopt and implement a 33 community benefits program, which must include, without 34 limitation:

(a) A commitment to workforce diversity, inclusiveness, access
and equality, including, without limitation, for underserved
communities, minority groups and veterans;

(b) An explanation of the actions that will be taken and
 strategies that will be implemented to promote workforce diversity;
 and

(c) The goals and performance measures which will be used to
 measure the success of the program in achieving those goals.

43 **Sec. 33.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do 44 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a 45 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.





1 Sec. 34. The Legislative Counsel shall:

2 1. In preparing the Nevada Revised Statutes, use the authority 3 set forth in subsection 10 of NRS 220.120 to substitute 4 appropriately the term "noninfrastructure transferable tax credits" in 5 NRS 360.758 to 360.7598, inclusive, for the term "transferable tax 6 credits" as previously used in those sections.

7 2. In preparing supplements to the Nevada Administrative 8 Code, substitute appropriately the term "noninfrastructure 9 transferable tax credits" in NAC 360.800 to 360.865, inclusive, for 10 the term "transferable tax credits" as previously used in those 11 sections.

12 Sec. 35. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and 13 218D.435, a committee may vote on this act before the expiration of 14 the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS 15 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after May 10, 16 2023.

Sec. 36. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023, and expires by limitation on June 30 of the year that is at least 26 years after the date on which the Las Vegas Media Campus, as defined in section 5 of this act, satisfies the criteria set forth in subsubparagraph (I) of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of section 10 of this act.

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