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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—COMMITTEE  
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION’S  
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE STRUCTURE AND  
OPERATIONS OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE)

MAY 15, 2013

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Creates a subcommittee of the Legislative  
Commission to study the Nevada Legislature.  
(BDR R-407)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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Nevada Legislature.

1 WHEREAS, As the economy and population in this State  
2 continue to change and evolve, the Nevada Legislature is called  
3 upon to address increasingly complex issues and to discover new  
4 ways in which to stimulate the economy and to address the needs of  
5 a growing and often transient population; and

6 WHEREAS, In this changing environment, the Legislature must  
7 find ways in which to obtain the knowledge and resources necessary  
8 to efficiently and effectively resolve the important issues facing this  
9 State; and

10 WHEREAS, An independent study of the structure and operation  
11 of the Nevada Legislature is necessary to assist the Legislature in  
12 discovering creative ways to become more responsive to and  
13 effective in addressing the needs of the people of this State; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
16 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission’s  
17 Subcommittee on the Nevada Legislature, consisting of 15  
18 members, is hereby created; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall appoint the  
2 members to the Subcommittee, none of whom may be current  
3 Legislators, as follows:

4 1. Four members who are former Nevada Legislators, one of  
5 whom is selected from nominations submitted by the Majority  
6 Leader of the Senate, one of whom is selected from nominations  
7 submitted by the Speaker of the Assembly, one of whom is selected  
8 from nominations submitted by the Minority Leader of the Senate  
9 and one of whom is selected from nominations submitted by the  
10 Minority Leader of the Assembly; and

11 2. Eleven members who are not former Nevada Legislators,  
12 who must be selected from nominations submitted by consensus of  
13 the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the Assembly and the  
14 Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate to represent the public  
15 at large; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That, at its first meeting, the Subcommittee shall  
17 elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among its members; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That, during the 2013-2015 interim, the  
20 Subcommittee shall:

21 1. Study the effectiveness of the current process for developing  
22 a legislative budget;

23 2. Study the structure and operation of the Nevada Legislature,  
24 including, without limitation, the compensation of Legislators and  
25 the structure and operations of the interim committees of the Nevada  
26 Legislature; and

27 3. Study the timing, frequency and length of regular legislative  
28 sessions, including, without limitation, an examination of the  
29 efficiency and effectiveness of annual regular legislative sessions;  
30 and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall provide  
32 such staff and administrative services as necessary to carry out the  
33 business of the Subcommittee; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That while engaged in the business of the  
35 Subcommittee, each member serves without salary but is entitled to  
36 receive out of the Legislative Fund the per diem allowance and  
37 travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally;  
38 and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Subcommittee shall submit a written  
40 report of the results of its study to the Legislative Commission on or  
41 before September 1, 2014, and may request the drafting of not  
42 more than five legislative measures which relate to matters within  
43 the scope of the study conducted by the Subcommittee, which must  
44 be submitted in the manner prescribed pursuant to NRS 218D.160



1 for a subcommittee established by order of the Legislative  
2 Commission.

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