

SENATE BILL NO. 143—SENATOR NGUYEN

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to natural resources. (BDR 17-10)

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

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

AN ACT relating to natural resources; authorizing the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources to evaluate and review issues relating to water conservation; requiring the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct an interim study on artificial turf and synthetic grass; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law creates the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural
- 2 Resources and sets forth the powers and duties of the Committee. (NRS 218E.320,
- 3 218E.330) **Section 1** of this bill authorizes the Committee to evaluate and review
- 4 issues relating to water conservation.
- 5 **Section 2** of this bill requires the Division of Environmental Protection of the
- 6 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to: (1) conduct an interim
- 7 study during the 2025-2026 legislative interim on artificial turf and synthetic grass;
- 8 and (2) on or before August 1, 2026, submit a report of its findings and
- 9 recommendations to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal
- 10 to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 218E.330 is hereby amended to read as
 2 follows:
 3 218E.330 1. A Joint Interim Standing Committee may:



1 (a) Evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the
2 corresponding standing committee or committees from the
3 preceding regular session;

4 (b) Exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS
5 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive; and

6 (c) Within the limits of the Committee's budget, conduct studies
7 directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.

8 2. In addition to the authorized scope of issues set forth in
9 paragraph (a) of subsection 1:

10 (a) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human
11 Services shall, either as part of its regular work or through
12 appointment of a subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating
13 to child welfare.

14 (b) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary shall,
15 either as part of its regular work or through appointment of a
16 subcommittee, evaluate and review issues relating to juvenile
17 justice.

18 (c) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative
19 Operations and Elections may evaluate and review issues relating to
20 governmental purchasing, including, without limitation,
21 recommendations submitted to the Joint Interim Standing
22 Committee by the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing
23 pursuant to NRS 332.215.

24 *(d) The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural*
25 *Resources may evaluate and review issues relating to water*
26 *conservation, including, without limitation, efforts to conserve*
27 *water, goals for water conservation, incentive programs and water*
28 *rates and charges of the municipal water providers in the states*
29 *composing the Colorado River Basin.*

30 3. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the
31 budget and work program of each Joint Interim Standing Committee
32 and any changes to the budget or work program.

33 4. A Joint Interim Standing Committee shall prepare a
34 comprehensive report of the Committee's activities in the interim
35 and its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation.
36 The report must be submitted to the Director for distribution to the
37 next regular session.

38 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Division of Environmental Protection of the
39 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall
40 conduct a study during the 2025-2026 legislative interim regarding
41 the use of artificial turf and synthetic grass.

42 2. The study must include, without limitation:

43 (a) An evaluation of the types of:

44 (1) Artificial turf and synthetic grass that are available for
45 use;



1 (2) Materials that comprise artificial turf and synthetic grass;
2 and

3 (3) Artificial turf and synthetic grass that are in use in this
4 State and in any other state composing the Colorado River Basin;
5 and

6 (b) Recommendations for the types of artificial turf and
7 synthetic grass that are appropriate to use and install in this State.

8 3. On or before August 1, 2026, the Division shall submit a
9 report of the results of the study to the Director of the Legislative
10 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada
11 Legislature.

12 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.



