

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 246—ASSEMBLYMEN WHEELER, LEAVITT, NGUYEN, ROBERTS, YEAGER; ASSEFA, BACKUS, BILBRAY-AXELROD, CARRILLO, COHEN, DURAN, EDWARDS, FLORES, GORELOW, HAFEN, HARDY, JAUREGUI, KRASNER, MARTINEZ, MCCURDY, MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, MUNK, PETERS, SWANK, TOLLES, TORRES AND WATTS

MARCH 11, 2019

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS HAMMOND AND PICKARD

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to business entities. (BDR 18-996)

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 business entities; creating the Nevada Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs; prescribing the duties of the Commission; requiring the Director of the Department of Administration to provide certain staff assistance to the Commission under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Existing law establishes the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs. (NRS  
2 232.850-232.866) **Section 3** of this bill similarly establishes the Nevada  
3 Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. **Section 4** of this bill establishes  
4 the term of office for a member of the Commission. **Section 5** of this bill provides  
5 that members of the Commission do not receive compensation, but may be  
6 reimbursed for certain expenses. **Section 6** of this bill requires the Commission to  
7 meet at least quarterly. **Section 6** also requires the Commission to annually submit  
8 a report to the Governor regarding the Commission. **Section 7** of this bill  
9 establishes the duties of the Commission. **Section 8** of this bill allows the Chair of  
10 the Commission to appoint committees from its members. **Section 9** of this bill  
11 requires the Director of the Department of Administration to provide staff to the  
12 Commission in certain circumstances and allows the Commission to engage the



services of volunteers. **Section 10** of this bill allows the Commission to apply for and receive gifts, grants, contributions or other money for the Commission.

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this act.

**Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 10, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "Commission" means the Nevada Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs created by section 3 of this act.*

**Sec. 3. 1.** *The Nevada Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, consisting of 11 members, is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of:*

- (a) Nine members appointed by the Governor;*
- (b) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate; and*
- (c) One member of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.*

**2.** *The Governor shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that the members the Governor appoints to the Commission represent the geographic diversity of the State.*

**3.** *Appointments to the Commission must be made to ensure representation of a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander American populations in Nevada.*

**4.** *The members of the Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice Chair from among their number and shall determine the duties of the officers.*

**5.** *The term of Office of the Chair and the Vice Chair is 1 year.*

**Sec. 4.** *Except for the initial members, the term of office of each member of the Commission is 3 years and commences on July 1 of the year of appointment. The members shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. Members are eligible for reappointment, except that no member may serve for any part of more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies must be filled by appointment for the unexpired terms by the person who made the original appointment.*

**Sec. 5.** *Members of the Commission receive no compensation for their services, but are entitled to be reimbursed for all travel and other expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties, within the limits of money available to the Commission.*



**Sec. 6. 1.** *The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chair as frequently as required to perform its duties, but not less than quarterly.*

**2.** *A majority of the members of the Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Commission.*

**3.** *The Commission shall, on or before January 31 of each year, submit a report to the Governor summarizing the activities, needs and recommendations of the Commission.*

**Sec. 7. 1.** *The Commission shall, within the limits of available money:*

*(a) Work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for and assess the issues and needs confronting Asian and Pacific Islander American residents in this State.*

*(b) Identify barriers to the economic development of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents within this State and advise state agencies and officials on issues related to those barriers.*

*(c) Establish an Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Network to facilitate the work of the Commission.*

*(d) Identify and examine the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this State.*

*(e) Compile information relating to services available to Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this State, including, without limitation:*

*(1) Education and training programs;*

*(2) Work programs;*

*(3) Programs for alternative dispute resolution;*

*(4) Business opportunities;*

*(5) Housing programs;*

*(6) Mental health programs, including, without limitation, alcohol and drug abuse programs; and*

*(7) Welfare programs supported by local, state and federal sources or through private agencies.*

*(f) Develop and sponsor programs in cooperation with Asian and Pacific Islander American groups and organizations to inform Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this State of services available to them.*

**2.** *As used in this section, "alcohol and drug abuse program" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 458.010.*

**Sec. 8.** *The Chair of the Commission may, with the approval of the Commission, appoint committees from its members to assist in carrying out any of the functions or duties of the Commission.*



1     **Sec. 9. 1. The Director of the Department of**  
2     *Administration shall provide staff assistance to the Commission as*  
3     *the Governor deems appropriate.*

4     **2. The Commission may engage the services of volunteer**  
5     *workers and consultants without compensation as is necessary*  
6     *from time to time.*

7     **Sec. 10. The Commission may apply for and receive gifts,**  
8     *grants, contributions or other money from governmental and*  
9     *private agencies, affiliated associations and other persons for the*  
10    *purposes of carrying out the provisions of sections 2 to 10,*  
11    *inclusive, of this act, and for defraying expenses incurred by the*  
12    *Commission in the discharge of its duties.*

13    **Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval  
14    for purposes of appointment of members and performing any other  
15    preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the  
16    provisions of this act and on July 1, 2019, for all other purposes.

