

Senate Bill No. 90—Senator Settelmeyer

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Grady; and Ellison

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AN ACT relating to confidential information; requiring a state or local governmental entity to keep confidential certain records which are submitted to the entity in connection with an application for a special use permit or any other license, permit or similar approval; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law provides that exploration or subsurface information obtained as a result of a geothermal project must be filed with the Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources and further provides that this information is confidential for 5 years after the date of filing. (NRS 534A.031) **Section 10.5** of this bill requires a state or local governmental entity to keep this information confidential during the same period if the information is submitted to the entity in connection with an application for a special use permit or any other license, permit or similar approval.

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

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

**Sections 1-10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

**Sec. 10.5.** NRS 534A.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

534A.031 **1.** Any exploration and subsurface information obtained as a result of a geothermal project must be filed with the Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources within 30 days after it is accumulated. The information is confidential for 5 years after the date of filing and may not be disclosed during that time without the express written consent of the operator of the project, except that it must be made available by the Division to the State Engineer or any other agency of the State upon request. The State Engineer or other agency shall keep the information confidential.

**2.** *If any information made confidential by subsection 1 is submitted to any other state or local governmental entity in connection with an application for a special use permit or any other license, permit or similar approval, the entity shall keep the information confidential during the period the information is confidential pursuant to subsection 1.*



**Sec. 11.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

