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Proposal for the Fuel Resiliency Committee

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

I. Purpose

Nevada is entirely dependent on imported transportation fuel, with no in-state refining capacity, limited storage, and heavy reliance on California refineries and interstate pipelines. This creates significant vulnerability to regional refinery closures, market disruptions, pipeline outages, natural disasters, and national security threats. These vulnerabilities directly impact public safety, emergency response capabilities, critical infrastructure continuity, and statewide economic stability. Strengthening Nevada's fuel resiliency requires coordinated analysis and engagement across state agencies, private industry, federal partners, and regional stakeholders. The Fuel Resiliency Committee is proposed to provide a structured, collaborative forum to evaluate Nevada's vulnerabilities and develop actionable strategies to ensure the stability of the state's fuel supply.

II. Mission Statement

To secure Nevada's transportation fuel supply by identifying vulnerabilities, strengthening infrastructure, diversifying supply sources, and ensuring statewide readiness in the face of regional refinery closures, supply disruptions, and national security threats.

III. Objectives

The Committee will pursue the following objectives:

1. Assess Risks

Conduct assessments of Nevada's fuel supply chain and associated vulnerabilities.



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2. Enhance Infrastructure

Identify options to expand infrastructure, storage, and transportation capacity, and mitigate supply disruptions.

3. Engage Industry

Collaborate with refiners, pipeline operators, distributors, and logistics partners to identify resilience options and opportunities for private investment.

4. Strengthen Emergency Readiness

Recommend policies and partnerships to establish a statewide fuel contingency plan, including evaluating the feasibility of a Western regional strategic reserve.

5. Advise the Governor

Advise the Governor on long-term strategies including the potential for strategic reserves and infrastructure investments.

Recommendations should consider the following:

1. Nevada's current and projected fuel supply vulnerabilities.
2. Impacts of California refinery conversions and closures.
3. Pipeline capacity constraints and operational risks.
4. Storage expansion needs and opportunities.
5. Emergency response and continuity-of-operations fuel requirements.
6. Stakeholder needs.
7. Public-private partnerships and financing options.
8. Federal permitting, regulatory, and funding opportunities.
9. Statutory, regulatory, or administrative actions to improve resiliency.
10. Any issue deemed relevant by the Chair of the Committee in furtherance of the Committee's objectives.



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IV. Authority to Hold Closed Meetings

The disclosure of certain discussions and records relating to critical fuel-infrastructure security and emergency response planning could jeopardize public safety. Pursuant to NRS 239C.140, and subject to receiving the approval from the Commission required therein, the Committee would be authorized to hold closed meetings when such matters are under consideration. Notices of meetings would still need to comply with Nevada's Open Meeting Law and would need to indicate when a meeting, or portion thereof, will be closed under NRS 239C.140.

All records received or prepared during a closed meeting of the Committee, including minutes and audiovisual or electronic reproductions of such a meeting, would be confidential, not subject to subpoena or discovery, and not subject to inspection by the general public, as stated in NRS 239C.140(3).