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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 15, 2025

**DATE:** June 30, 2025

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Kate Thomas, Interim Washoe County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and potential appointment of two members of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to serve on the study board established pursuant to Senate Bill 319 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

Senate Bill 319 (SB319), passed during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature and approved by Governor Lombardo on June 9, 2025, requires Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks to jointly establish a board by interlocal agreement to study regional fire and emergency services options. The study board must include two members of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners appointed by the Board.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability: Efficient delivery of regional services.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

At the February 6, 2025, concurrent meeting of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, the Truckee Meadows Board of Fire Commissioners, the Reno City Council and the Sparks City Council, the Board directed that the City Managers, the County Manager, and all fire chiefs work together to gather additional information to assess needs, costs, and impacts to help guide the process of determining options for enhanced regional fire options, including the implementation of unrestricted automatic aid between the Cities of Reno, Sparks and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

At the March 18, 2025, meeting of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners staff provided the Board with an overview of SB319. The Board discussed the measure but did not take any action.

### **BACKGROUND**

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SB 319 mandates the creation of a board composed of two members from each governing body of Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks to establish a board to study the creation of a county fire protection district to consolidate fire protection services within territory within Washoe County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks. The study board is tasked with completing the required study and issuing a report by December 31, 2026.

Appointed members should be prepared to represent the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners throughout the study period in ongoing discussions regarding fire service delivery models, fiscal implications, and service level impacts.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the appointment of Commissioners to the study board.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners appoint two members of the Board to serve on the study board created pursuant to Senate Bill 319 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:  
"Move to: appoint Commissioners <appointee 1> and <appointee 2> to represent the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners on the study board created pursuant to Senate Bill 319 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Nevada Legislature."