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NRCP 71.1 – Proposed (Reject Federal Rule; List as Reserved)

Rule 71.1. Reserved.

Advisory Committee Note—2018 Amendment

NRS Chapter 37 addresses eminent domain, making it unnecessary to adopt FRCP 71.1.

Subcommittee Report:

FRCP 71.1 governs eminent domain procedure. Eminent domain in Nevada is governed by NRS Chapter 37. Professor Main's researchers compared FRCP 71.1 and Chapter 37, and concluded that, except for one hole in Chapter 37, FRCP 71.1 is largely not applicable to Nevada. A copy of the research and FRCP 71.1 is provided in conjunction with this report. The one apparent hole is that NRS 37.110 provides that "commissioners" may hear proceedings in eminent domain actions regarding property valuation and assessment of damages, but Chapter 37 does not otherwise provide for the procedure in appointing the commissioners or specify what their powers may be. FRCP 71.1(h)(2) is the FRCP provision that deals with commissioners and the recommendation from Professor Main's researchers is that the Committee may wish to consider adapting FRCP 71.1(h)(2) with modification for use in Nevada.

Upon further consideration, however, it appears that FRCP 71.1(h)(2) has been in the FRCP since at least 1951 and was put in substantially its current from in

approximately 1985; prior NRCP committees have thus rejected adapting it for Nevada. Moreover, while NRS Chapter 37 is silent in regard to the appointment of commissioners, there is also no outcry from practitioners or the courts regarding the appointment of commissioners under NRS 37.110. Thus, this appears to be a problem that is not in need of a fix, and the subcommittee recommends that the committee continue to reject FRCP 71.1 in its entirety and leave any fix to the NRS 37.110 commissioners to the Legislature.

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