

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2–
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JUNE 27, 2008

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Expresses the reductions in expenditures approved by the Nevada Legislature during the 24th Special Session. (BDR R-22)

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

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1 WHEREAS, In the past year, the economy of the United States
2 has experienced a significant downturn and has been destabilized
3 further by a home mortgage crisis and an increase in the price of
4 gasoline that has risen by over 40 percent; and

5 WHEREAS, The serious downward movement of the national
6 economy has, in turn, had a negative effect on the economy of this
7 State, particularly in that the tax base of the State is reliant
8 predominantly upon revenues collected from the imposition of sales
9 and gaming taxes, both of which are susceptible to decline during
10 times of economic hardship because they are related to discretionary
11 consumer spending; and

12 WHEREAS, The preceding, and other, factors have led to a
13 significant reduction in the revenue that the State was projected to
14 receive during the 2007-2009 biennium; and

15 WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the significant reduction in the
16 revenue that the State was projected to receive during the 2007-2009
17 biennium, the vicissitudes of the national economy have continued
18 to impose greater financial burdens upon the residents, businesses
19 and governmental entities of this State; and

20 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has thus been required to
21 make difficult but thoughtfully considered fiscal decisions during
22 this period of economic uncertainty; and



1 WHEREAS, Combined with other fiscal initiatives, the Nevada
2 Legislature has approved specific reductions in expenditures to
3 ensure that the government of this State is able to continue to
4 operate effectively and to serve the residents, businesses and
5 governmental entities of this State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
7 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature has determined
8 that the following reductions in expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007-
9 2008 and Fiscal Year 2008-2009 are necessitated by the downturn in
10 the economy to replenish the State General Fund:

11 1. Additional reductions of \$106,000,000 in the budgets of
12 state agencies;

13 2. Reversion of \$27,300,000 from the Trust Fund for Public
14 Health created pursuant to NRS 439.605;

15 3. Redirection of \$4,400,000 in estimated receipts of the Trust
16 Fund for Public Health for Fiscal Year 2008-2009;

17 4. Contingent reduction of \$47,995,714 in the amount
18 previously appropriated for textbooks, instructional supplies and
19 instructional hardware pursuant to section 15 of chapter 343,
20 Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 1560;

21 5. Estimated revenues of \$4,000,000 from the establishment of
22 the tax amnesty program;

23 6. Elimination of the requirement to transfer \$7,600,000 for
24 Fiscal Year 2008-2009 from the Abandoned Property Trust Account
25 pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 120A.620 to the Millennium
26 Scholarship Trust Fund created pursuant to NRS 396.926;

27 7. Reversion of \$4,000,000 from the Disaster Relief Account
28 created in the Fund to Stabilize the Operation of the State
29 Government pursuant to NRS 353.2735;

30 8. Reversion of \$330,757 of the appropriation to the Interim
31 Finance Committee for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and Fiscal Year
32 2008-2009 for allocation to the Division of Child and Family
33 Services of the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant
34 to section 39 of chapter 350, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 1704;

35 9. Reversion of \$600,000 previously allocated to Project
36 ChalleNGe resulting from the placement of participants in out-of-
37 state programs;

38 10. Redirection of \$4,200,000 of the portion of the tobacco
39 settlement payments for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 not allocated to the
40 Senior Program and the Disability Rx Program that would have
41 been deposited in the Fund for a Healthy Nevada created pursuant to
42 NRS 439.620;

43 11. Transfer of \$3,000,000 from the amount held in reserve for
44 the Senior Rx Program;



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1 12. Reversion of \$3,500,000 from the revolving account within
2 the State General Fund established pursuant to section 5 of chapter
3 432, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1933, by the Division of
4 Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety for
5 grants to persons who own and occupy homes damaged by a
6 disaster;

7 13. Transfer of \$4,000,000 from the Fund for the Care of Sites
8 for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste created pursuant to
9 NRS 459.231;

10 14. Transfer of \$4,000,000 from the amount held in reserve for
11 the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History
12 created pursuant to NRS 179A.075;

13 15. Transfer of \$200,000 from the Legislative Committee on
14 Health Care;

15 16. Transfer of \$800,000 from the amount held in reserve for
16 the program to issue revenue bonds for industrial development
17 described in NRS 349.400 to 349.670, inclusive;

18 17. Transfer of \$3,500,000 from the Fund for Mortgage
19 Lending created pursuant to NRS 645F.270; and

20 18. Reversion of \$50,000,000 from money appropriated
21 pursuant to chapter 372, Statutes of Nevada 2007, at page 1736,
22 which may be partially offset by authorization of the reallocation of
23 not more than \$20,000,000 in general obligation bond savings to the
24 Department of Transportation for highway construction and
25 maintenance projects; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That in effecting the additional reductions to its
27 expenditures, the Department of Corrections shall, in consultation
28 with the Budget Division of the Department of Administration and
29 the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau,
30 develop and analyze all feasible alternatives to the closure of a
31 prison facility to accomplish the reductions, including, without
32 limitation, a plan outlining the capacity and projected occupancy of
33 each correctional facility and, if any recommendation includes the
34 closure of a facility, a transition plan for the employees of the
35 Department who work at the facility; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Department of Corrections shall provide to
37 the Interim Finance Committee the alternatives to the closure of a
38 prison facility developed in consultation with the Budget Division
39 and Fiscal Analysis Division and recommendations concerning
40 those alternatives; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the aforementioned reductions in expenditures
42 total \$275,426,471.

