

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2–
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FEBRUARY 26, 2010

Referred to Committee of the Whole

SUMMARY—Urges certain actions by school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education to respond to the current budget shortfall. (BDR R-35)

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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, The serious downward movement of the economy of
2 the United States has, in turn, had a negative effect on the economy
3 of the State of Nevada, including high rates of unemployment and
4 an alarmingly high rate of foreclosure; and

5 WHEREAS, Although the 2009 Session of the Legislature
6 addressed what was then a looming budget gap by making cuts to
7 the State’s budget of about \$1 billion and implementing temporary
8 tax increases amounting to an estimated \$781 million, recent
9 economic projections yield a nearly \$900 million budget shortfall;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, While meeting its constitutional duty to balance the
12 State’s budget, the Legislature has taken extraordinary measures to
13 shield public education from further cuts with the recognition that
14 public education funding is imperative to ensure the future success
15 of Nevada’s children and in the long term, to ensure the success of
16 Nevada’s economic recovery; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
18 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislature hereby urges the
19 boards of trustees of the 17 county school districts and the Board of
20 Regents of the University of Nevada to make every possible effort
21 during this fiscal crisis to protect the needs of Nevada’s students and



1 to ensure a high-quality public education while examining ways to
2 maximize efficiency by:

3 1. Examining the function and efficacy of programs and
4 services to determine whether any should be eliminated or replaced
5 because they no longer serve a useful purpose;

6 2. Examining whether benefits offered to higher-level staff can
7 be reduced or temporarily reduced;

8 3. Reviewing the ratios of administrators to staff and
9 administrators to students and considering adjustments to those
10 ratios if it is determined that the number of administrators is too
11 high in relation to the number of staff or students, as applicable;

12 4. Posting organizational structures, administration levels and
13 budgets on publicly available websites to ensure transparency;

14 5. Examining overhead costs to determine if there are
15 efficiencies that may be gained in implementing alternative methods
16 of purchasing, maintenance and other practices;

17 6. Ensuring that any adjustments made to salaries and benefits
18 are made in a fair and equitable manner so that some employees are
19 not exempt from the impact of such adjustments; and

20 7. Considering the "shared sacrifice" that is necessary to
21 prevent massive layoffs and to ensure a high quality of service to
22 Nevada's students; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That on or before September 1, 2010, the board of
24 trustees of each school district and the Board of Regents of the
25 University of Nevada provide a report of their findings and any
26 adjustments made and actions taken as a result of those findings to
27 the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to
28 the Interim Finance Committee and the next regular session of the
29 Nevada Legislature; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
31 transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of the board of
32 trustees of each school district and the Chair of the Board of
33 Regents of the University of Nevada.

