

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 291—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

FEBRUARY 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Division of Agriculture of Department of Business and Industry for development of statewide data base and economic analysis of grazing trends on public lands. (BDR S-1490)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Division of Agriculture of the Department of Business and Industry for the development of a statewide data base and economic analysis relating to grazing trends on public lands and their effect on private business, rural economies, and county and state governments; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
- 2 fund to the Division of Agriculture of the Department of Business and
- 3 Industry for the development of a statewide data base and economic
- 4 analysis relating to grazing trends on public lands and their effect on
- 5 private business, rural economies, and county and state governments:
- 6 For the fiscal year 1999-2000.....\$40,000
- 7 For the fiscal year 2000-2001.....\$40,000
- 8 2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at
- 9 the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for
- 10 expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and reverts to the
- 11 state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been
- 12 made.
- 13 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Administrator of the Division of Agriculture of the
- 14 Department of Business and Industry shall use the money appropriated by
- 15 section 1 of this act to develop a statewide data base and economic analysis

1 relating to grazing trends on public lands. The data base and analysis must
2 be completed on or before the first day of the 71st legislative session.

3 2. The data base must include:

4 (a) An inventory of all federally administered land in Nevada
5 summarizing and verifying past and present grazing authorizations issued
6 by the Federal Government. To the extent practical, this inventory must
7 incorporate existing information that is verified in terms of its accuracy
8 and compiled in a usable format.

9 (b) Individual grazing allotments from federal records, arranged into a
10 data base that is based on geographic areas and including all geographical
11 information associated with the grazing allotments. All compiled and
12 verified records of individual grazing allotments must be subjected to an
13 economic input and output model that has been regionally calibrated and
14 verified by the Applied Economics and Statistics Department of the
15 University of Nevada, Reno.

16 3. The economic analysis must include a determination of the annual
17 economic effect on the livestock industry, business sectors and
18 governmental revenues and the economic effect on the income and
19 property values of ranchers.

20 4. The summarized results of this study must be compiled into a
21 written report on or before January 1, 2001. Two hundred copies of the
22 report must be produced. Copies must be delivered to the Governor,
23 Nevada Legislature, Nevada Congressional Delegation, Nevada
24 Association of Counties, Nevada Cattlemen's Association, Nevada Farm
25 Bureau and other appropriate state and federal agencies.

26 5. The Administrator is authorized to hire a qualified contractor to
27 complete the written report within the limits of the appropriation made by
28 section 1 of this act.

29 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.