

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 659—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Office of the Governor for support of statewide AmeriCorps programs. (BDR S-1682)

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 Office of the Governor for the support of statewide AmeriCorps programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, The National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993,
2 Public Law 103-82, created the AmeriCorps to facilitate programs in the
3 various states that engage people of all ages and backgrounds in helping to
4 solve problems and build stronger communities; and
5 WHEREAS, The Nevada Commission for National and Community
6 Service was created by Executive Order of the Governor of Nevada in
7 1994 to address Nevada's extreme educational and environmental needs,
8 as well as to facilitate solutions to Nevada's important human needs and
9 needs related to public safety; and
10 WHEREAS, Continued state support of the Nevada Commission for
11 National and Community Service ensures state control of fully two-thirds
12 of the federal funding for the AmeriCorps program available to Nevada
13 based on its population; and
14 WHEREAS, The requested appropriation will allow the Nevada
15 Commission for National and Community Service to award and manage
16 between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 per year in volunteer, community
17 service programs, creating the potential for an 8 to 1 return on the state
18 dollar to provide services to Nevadans; and
19 WHEREAS, Funding will allow aggressive recruitment of Nevada's high
20 school seniors and college students to become AmeriCorps members and
21 receive up to \$4,750 per year in college scholarships, along with a living
22 allowance while serving their communities; now, therefore,

1 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
2 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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4 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
5 fund to the Office of the Governor the sum of \$250,000 for use by the
6 Nevada Commission for National and Community Service to pay a portion
7 of the costs to provide AmeriCorps programs in Nevada.

8 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1
9 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and reverts to
10 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have
11 been made.

12 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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