
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARCH 22, 1999

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of availability of health care in rural areas of this state. (BDR R-1695)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of the availability of health care in the rural areas of this state.

1 WHEREAS, Of the 17 counties that comprise the State of Nevada, 15
2 counties have populations of less than 100,000 residents; and

3 WHEREAS, These rural counties in Nevada have a shortage of hospitals,
4 clinical facilities, qualified doctors and nurses, laboratory and medical
5 equipment, emergency medical systems, ambulances and aircraft for
6 medical transportation and on-going educational programs that provide
7 information on the availability of health services; and

8 WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States narrowly addressed the
9 health care needs of residents living in sparsely populated rural areas in the
10 Balanced Budget Act of 1997, and, thus, it is the responsibility of the State
11 of Nevada to ensure that the needs of these residents be addressed; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
14 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
15 conduct an interim study of the availability of health care in the rural areas
16 of this state including a review of:

17 1. The plans, if any, to improve and integrate emergency medical
18 services in rural areas;

19 2. The availability, accessibility and quality of facilities providing
20 long-term care;

21 3. Issues relating to the use of “telemedicine” in areas with a critical
22 shortage of access to medical facilities;

- 1 4. The availability of personnel with technical skills and resources to
- 2 assist in determining the financial feasibility of local hospitals;
- 3 5. The efforts made in recruiting and retaining qualified professionals
- 4 in health care services;
- 5 6. The success of rural providers of medical care in acquiring the latest
- 6 medical and laboratory equipment;
- 7 7. The development of programs that educate residents in rural areas
- 8 about the availability of health services; and
- 9 8. The availability of transportation in rural areas, including
- 10 accessibility to helicopters and ambulances, when necessary, to travel long
- 11 distances to medical care; and be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That no action may be taken by the study committee on
- 13 recommended legislation unless it receives a majority vote of the Senators
- 14 on the committee and a majority vote of the Assemblymen on the
- 15 committee; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall report the findings of
- 17 the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 71st session of the
- 18 Nevada Legislature.

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