

SENATE BILL NO. 270—SENATOR PORTER

FEBRUARY 26, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Interim Finance Committee for allocation to certain public broadcasting system stations to convert to digital television as required by Federal Communications Commission. (BDR S-1529)

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 ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to certain public broadcasting system stations to convert to digital television as required by the Federal Communications Commission; 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.** There is hereby appropriated to the Interim Finance
2 Committee the sum of \$2,000,000 for allocation to public broadcasting
3 stations KNPB and KLVX to carry out the conversion to digital television
4 required by Federal Communications Commission DTV Standard (MM
5 Docket No. 87-268).
- 6 **Sec. 2.** 1. The money appropriated by section 1 of this act:
7 (a) May be used only to convert the public broadcasting system in the
8 State of Nevada to digital television as carried out by television stations
9 KNPB and KLVX.
- 10 (b) May be disbursed only by the Interim Finance Committee at a ratio
11 of \$1 for every \$3 of matching money received by the television stations
12 from federal and private sources.
- 13 2. Television stations KNPB and KLVX shall report jointly to the
14 Interim Finance Committee every 3 months:
- 15 (a) The status of the conversion to digital television and the programs
16 and benefits provided to the residents of the State of Nevada; and

1 (b) The amount of matching money that has been received from federal
2 and private sources.

3 3. Television stations KNPB and KLVX must dedicate at least one or
4 more of their multiple digital channels to instructional television,
5 telecourses, adult learning services and courses provided in conjunction
6 with the University and Community College System of Nevada.

7 **Sec. 3.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1
8 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and
9 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
10 committed have been made.

11 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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