
SENATE BILL NO. 294—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
AND FACILITIES

(ON BEHALF OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

MARCH 3, 1999

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to University of Nevada School of Medicine for expansion of Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center. (BDR S-487)

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 University of Nevada School of Medicine for the expansion of the Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, Every day thousands of children across this state must cope
2 with the physical and mental challenges of diabetes; and
3 WHEREAS, An estimated 1 out of every 500 school-age children has
4 Type I diabetes, an auto-immune disease in which the cells that produce
5 insulin, a pancreatic hormone that controls sugar and fat metabolism, are
6 attacked and eliminated; and
7 WHEREAS, Diabetes is a chronic disease with the potential for long-term
8 complications such as kidney disease requiring dialysis, blindness and
9 circulation problems that can lead to the need for the amputation of limbs;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, The average lifetime cost for a child diagnosed at the age of
12 3 years with diabetes is \$600,000, and nationwide, 1 out of every 7 dollars
13 spent on health care is for diabetes and complications related to diabetes;
14 and
15 WHEREAS, Because of the increase in population in the State of Nevada,
16 the appearance of Type II diabetes in children also is increasing rapidly;
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1 WHEREAS, With early treatment and the development of a motivational
2 support system for a child or teenager, complications can be minimized or
3 prevented; and

4 WHEREAS, With an estimated 75 percent of Type I patients developing
5 the disease before the age of 18 years, it is crucial to begin education,
6 detection and prevention measures early; and

7 WHEREAS, The Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center currently
8 cares for approximately 300 children between the ages of 1 and 21 years
9 with Type I or Type II diabetes and, with an expanded program, anticipates
10 caring for at least 500 children statewide; and

11 WHEREAS, The goals of the Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology
12 Center are to provide the education and treatment necessary for patients to
13 reduce the risk of diabetic complications, thereby helping those patients
14 lead a normal lifestyle, and to develop opportunities for research that focus
15 on the prevention and early management of the disease; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center is
17 dedicated to giving children and their families the skills and knowledge to
18 achieve near-normalization of blood glucose levels to reduce the young
19 patients' risks of diabetic complications and give them a chance to lead a
20 normal lifestyle; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center will
22 continue its ongoing relationship with the public and private hospitals
23 currently involved with the existing program and will seek to establish a
24 relationship with hospitals in other urban and rural areas that will contribute
25 to the operating costs and sustainability of the Pediatric Diabetes and
26 Endocrinology Center; and

27 WHEREAS, The Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center will
28 collaborate with appropriate state agencies to ensure the coordination of all
29 available services and educational programs; and

30 WHEREAS, The Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center uses a
31 "multi-disciplinary team" approach, integrating education, behavioral
32 modification and counseling in its treatment of patients; and

33 WHEREAS, This dedicated multi-disciplinary team is composed of core
34 members, but money is needed to expand the team to ensure that all
35 children within this state who suffer from diabetes are able to receive the
36 necessary treatment; now, therefore,

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38 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
39 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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41 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
42 fund to the University of Nevada School of Medicine for the expansion of

1 the program administered by the Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology
2 Center:

3 For the fiscal year 1999-2000\$379,500

4 For the fiscal year 2000-2001\$379,500

5 2. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal
6 year. Any balance of those sums must not be committed for expenditure
7 after June 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all
8 payments of money committed have been made.

9 **Sec. 2.** The money appropriated by section 1 of this act must be used
10 to pay the salaries of professional and support personnel on the multi-
11 disciplinary team of the Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center,
12 including, without limitation, pediatric endocrinologists, licensed clinical
13 social workers, exercise physiologists, psychologists, health analysts,
14 biostatisticians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and registered
15 dietitians.

16 **Sec. 3.** 1. The Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center shall
17 create an advisory board consisting of the eight members of the executive
18 committee of the Nevada Diabetes Council and three additional members
19 who are medical and allied health professionals in the field of diabetes to
20 provide advice to the Pediatric Diabetes and Endocrinology Center
21 regarding the collaboration between the various state agencies, focusing
22 primarily on the care and treatment of children with diabetes.

23 2. The Pediatric Diabetes Endocrinology Center shall ensure that a data
24 analysis is conducted to evaluate the financial situation of the program
25 administered by the center and the medical results of patients who receive
26 care under the program. The advisory board shall monitor and review the
27 data analysis and provide advice based on the results of the analysis.

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