
SENATE BILL NO. 329—SENATOR RHOADS

MARCH 8, 1999

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Division of State Parks of State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to assist in construction of California Immigrant Trail Interpretive Center in Elko County. (BDR S-1254)

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 Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to assist in the construction of a California Immigrant Trail Interpretive Center in Elko County; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, There is a strong movement in the United States today to
2 recognize and understand the history of our country and the events that
3 contributed to the development of the United States; and
4 WHEREAS, From 1840 to the completion of the transcontinental railroad
5 in 1869, over 300,000 people traveled across this state on the route known
6 as the California Trail; and
7 WHEREAS, The immigrants traveling on the California Trail added to the
8 population base for the development of the western area of the American
9 continent and in so doing, their numbers discouraged England and Russia
10 in their efforts to colonize the Pacific Coast of the Continent; and
11 WHEREAS, The early settlers of the State of Nevada were direct
12 descendants of the immigrants who traveled the California Trail; and
13 WHEREAS, Even today visual evidence of portions of the California
14 Trail remain, and from the borders of Idaho and Utah to the eastern border
15 of California, the trail and its subtrails are identifiable; and

1 WHEREAS, In order to preserve, demonstrate and display the historical
2 significance of the California Trail, an Interpretive Center for the California
3 Trail is needed at a site in Elko County, designated the "Hastings Cutoff,"
4 that is adjacent to the trail and subtrail of the Donner-Reed Party; and

5 WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that other trail interpretive centers
6 in the West have contributed significantly to the tourism industry in the
7 populated centers along their respective trails; now, therefore,
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9 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
10 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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12 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
13 the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and
14 Natural Resources the sum of \$3,000,000 to assist in the construction of a
15 California Immigrant Trail Interpretive Center in Elko County.

16 **Sec. 2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1
17 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after the project is
18 completed and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of
19 money committed have been made.

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