SENATE BILL NO. 79-SENATOR O'CONNELL

FEBRUARY 2, 1999

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revise provisions regarding committee on benefits. (BDR 23-855)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the committee on benefits; increasing the number of members of the committee; revising the manner of appointment and establishing qualifications for members of the committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. NRS 287.041 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 287.041 *1*. There is hereby created the committee on benefits to be
- 3 composed of **five** seven members as follows:
- 4 [1. Two members must be selected by the board of directors of the
- 5 State of Nevada Employees Association.
- 6 2. One member must be the director of the department of
- 7 administration.
- 8 3. Two members, one of whom must be an employee retired from state
- service, must be appointed by the governor.]
- (a) Six of the members must be participants in the state's program of group insurance appointed by the governor as follows:
- 12 (1) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the
- 13 State of Nevada Employees Association or its successor organization.
- 14 (2) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the
- 15 Retired Public Employees of Nevada or its successor organization.
- 16 (3) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the
- 17 Nevada Highway Patrol Association or its successor organization.

- (4) One member from lists of nominees submitted by employee organizations which represent professional employees of the University and Community College System of Nevada. Each such organization may submit a list of not more than three nominees.
- (5) One member from lists of nominees submitted by employee organizations which represent employees of local governments that participate in the state's program of group insurance. Each such organization may submit a list of not more than three nominees.

- (6) One member from lists of nominees submitted by employee organizations other than those organizations set forth in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, which represent employees that participate in the state's program of group insurance. Each such organization may submit a list of not more than three nominees.
- (b) The director of the department of administration is an ex officio member of the committee and may designate a representative to serve in his place on the committee or to attend a meeting of the committee in his place.
- 2. The governor shall appoint as members of the committee persons who have extensive knowledge or proven experience in the management of employee benefits.
- 3. After the initial terms, the term of each appointed member of the committee is 3 years.
- **Sec. 2.** 1. The terms of the persons who are members of the committee on benefits on September 30, 1999, expire on that date.
- 2. As soon as is practicable on or before October 1, 1999, the governor shall appoint as members of the committee on benefits:
- (a) One person from the list of nominees submitted by the State of Nevada Employees Association and one person from the list of nominees submitted by the Retired Public Employees of Nevada to initial terms that begin on October 1, 1999, and expire on September 30, 2000.
- (b) One person from the list of nominees submitted by the Nevada Highway Patrol Association and one person from the lists of nominees submitted by employee organizations which represent professional employees of the University and Community College System of Nevada to initial terms that begin on October 1, 1999, and expire on September 30, 2001.
- (c) One person from the lists of nominees submitted by employee organizations which represent employees of local governments that participate in the state's program of group insurance and one person from lists of nominees submitted by employee organizations other than those organizations set forth in subparagraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of paragraph

- (a) of subsection 1 of section 1 of this act, which represent employees that
 participate in the state's program of group insurance, to initial terms that
 begin on October 1, 1999, and expire on September 30, 2002.
 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 1999.