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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 513—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION—BUDGET DIVISION)

MARCH 21, 2001

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Department of Human Resources for development of long-term strategic plan concerning health care needs of citizens of Nevada. (BDR S-1407)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation included in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Human Resources for the development of four long-term strategic plans concerning the health care needs of the citizens of Nevada; 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.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general
2 fund to the Department of Human Resources the sum of \$800,000 for the
3 development of four long-term strategic plans relating to the health care
4 needs of the residents of Nevada to be allocated as follows:
5 (a) For a plan to ensure the availability and accessibility of
6 a continuum of services that appropriately meets the basic
7 needs of Nevada's senior citizens and supports their ability to
8 lead independent and active lives \$100,000
9 (b) For a plan to ensure the availability and accessibility of
10 a continuum of health care services in rural areas of Nevada \$150,000
11 (c) For a plan to:
12 (1) Ensure the availability and accessibility of a continuum of
13 services that appropriately meet the basic needs of persons with disabilities
14 in Nevada, including, without limitation, autistic persons;
15 (2) Support the ability of persons with disabilities in Nevada to lead
16 independent and active lives within their community in accordance;
17 (3) Continue the effort of the State of Nevada to provide community-
18 based services which match the need of the client and provide choice
19 between appropriate services; and



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- 1 (4) Ensure that persons with disabilities in Nevada
2 receive the services that they are entitled to receive pursuant to
3 state and federal statutes and case law \$150,000
4 (d) For a plan:
5 (1) To develop and implement a sound methodology for the
6 establishment and periodic adjustment of rates paid by the State of Nevada
7 for contracted health and human services which accurately reflect the
8 required costs of providing those services; and
9 (2) Where applicable, to establish reimbursement rates at
10 appropriate, consistent and competitive levels that will attract
11 a sufficient number of providers so as to ensure the effective
12 delivery of an appropriate range of service options for
13 Nevada's health and human services..... \$400,000
14 2. In developing each of the long-term strategic plans authorized
15 pursuant to subsection 1, the Department shall:
16 (a) Contract with one or more persons who have knowledge about and
17 experience in facilitating group discussions which include divergent points
18 of view and perspectives to achieve consensus and mutual satisfaction in
19 an effective planning process;
20 (b) Conduct public hearings in a broad range of settings and locations in
21 this state to ensure that it receives information from all interested persons,
22 including, without limitation, senior citizens, rural Nevadans, persons with
23 disabilities, their representatives, governmental representatives and
24 representatives of persons who provide institutional and community-based
25 services to persons with disabilities; and
26 (c) Cause the development of each such long-term plan only after the
27 testimony and information presented by the public has been fully
28 considered throughout the process.
29 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 of
30 this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and
31 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money
32 committed have been made.
33 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

