

**S.B. 359**

## SENATE BILL NO. 359—SENATOR RHOADS

MARCH 15, 2001

## Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to University and Community College System of Nevada to enhance amount budgeted for biennium for special priorities of Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. (BDR S-1169)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not 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 University and Community College System of Nevada to enhance the amount budgeted for special priorities for the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

1 WHEREAS, One of the primary defining characteristics of the State of  
2 Nevada and its quality of life is its mix of arid rangelands and mountains,  
3 the scarcity of its natural resources, such as water, and its abundance of  
4 precious metals to support its mining industry; and

5 WHEREAS, With approximately 87 percent of its over 70 million acres  
6 in the public domain, the residents of this state are stakeholders in the  
7 management and use of the rangelands and forest; and

8 WHEREAS, It is imperative that the Nevada Agricultural Experiment  
9 Station, University of Nevada, Reno, work with the Nevada Cooperative  
10 Extension, the State Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural  
11 Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to protect  
12 our public lands and natural resources and the people that are dependent on  
13 these resources for their economic well being; and

14 WHEREAS, Healthy rangelands that meet the needs and values of  
15 multiple users and that are managed to meet the needs of future generations  
16 must be a priority for all residents of the State of Nevada; now, therefore,

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

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21 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general  
22 fund to the University and Community College System of Nevada the sum



1 of \$471,519 to enhance the amount budgeted for the biennium for special  
2 priorities of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station and the University  
3 of Nevada Cooperative Extension to be distributed as follows:

4 (a) Fifty percent of the appropriation made by this subsection must be  
5 used for the program entitled "Sustaining Agriculture as an Economic  
6 Contributor and Environmental Steward in Nevada Counties" conducted by  
7 the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension; and

8 (b) Fifty percent of the appropriation made by this subsection must be  
9 used for the program entitled "Nevada Arid Rangelands Initiative"  
10 conducted by the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station.

11 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1  
12 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2003, and reverts to  
13 the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have  
14 been made.

15 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

