

S.B. 407

SENATE BILL NO. 407—SENATOR PORTER

MARCH 19, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriation to Interim Finance Committee for allocation to certain public television stations and public radio stations. (BDR S-1046)

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 Interim Finance Committee for allocation to certain public television stations to convert to digital television as required by the Federal Communications Commission and for the support of certain nonprofit public radio stations to assist in the modernization of the public radio transmission and distribution system; 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.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to
2 the Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$2,000,000 for allocation to
3 public television stations KNPB and KLVX to carry out the conversion to
4 digital television required by Federal Communications Commission DTV
5 Standard (MM Docket No. 87-268).

6 **Sec. 2.** 1. The money appropriated by section 1 of this act:

7 (a) May be used only to convert the public broadcasting system in the
8 State of Nevada to digital television as carried out by television stations
9 KNPB and KLVX.

10 (b) May be disbursed only by the Interim Finance Committee at a ratio
11 of \$1 for every \$1 of matching money received by the television stations
12 from federal and private sources.

13 2. The Interim Finance Committee shall not disburse money pursuant
14 to this act to television stations KNPB and KLVX unless television stations
15 KNPB and KLVX agree to dedicate at least one of their multiple digital
16 channels to educational purposes such as instructional television,
17 telecourses, adult learning services and courses provided in conjunction
18 with the University and Community College System of Nevada.



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1 3. Television stations KNPB and KLVX shall report jointly to the
2 Interim Finance Committee every 3 months:

3 (a) The status of the conversion to digital television and the programs
4 and benefits provided to the residents of the State of Nevada; and

5 (b) The amount of matching money that has been received from federal
6 and private sources.

7 **Sec. 3.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the
8 Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$500,000 for allocation to public
9 radio stations KUNR, KUNV, KCEP, KNCC and the Nevada Public Radio
10 Corporation consisting of stations KNPR, KWPR, KTPH and KLNK to
11 carry out the modernization of the public radio transmission and
12 distribution system in this state.

13 **Sec. 4.** 1. The money appropriated by section 3 of this act:

14 (a) May be used only to modernize the public radio transmission and
15 distribution system in this state.

16 (b) May be disbursed only by the Interim Finance Committee at a ratio
17 of \$1 for every \$1 of matching money received by the radio stations from
18 federal and private sources.

19 2. The Interim Finance Committee shall disburse money pursuant to
20 this section only to those public radio stations whose programming is
21 primarily devoted to serving the educational, informational and cultural
22 needs of the communities of Nevada.

23 3. The public radio stations to which money is disbursed pursuant to
24 this section shall report jointly to the Interim Finance Committee every 3
25 months:

26 (a) The status of the modernization of the public radio transmission and
27 distribution system, and the programs and benefits provided to the
28 residents of this state; and

29 (b) The amount of matching money that has been received from federal
30 and private sources.

31 **Sec. 5.** Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by sections
32 1 and 3 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
33 2005, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of
34 money committed have been made.

35 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

