#### SENATE BILL NO. 465-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

# (ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES—WATER RESOURCES)

## MARCH 21, 2001

#### Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning adjudication emergency account. (BDR 48-530)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

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Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive

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

AN ACT relating to the adjudication emergency account; authorizing the state board of examiners to establish the maximum balance for the account; authorizing the state engineer to request an allocation from the contingency fund if the balance of the account is below the amount established by the state board of examiners; making an appropriation; 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 532.200 is hereby amended to read as follows: 532.200 1. For the purpose of advancing and paying for stenographic work and transcripts required by law or order of court, or for the costs, 4 witness fees or expenses incurred by or upon the authority of the attorney general and the state engineer in any litigation affecting any order of determination adjudicating the waters of any system of streams in this state, there is hereby created the adjudication emergency account in the state general fund. All money returned pursuant to the chapter 181, Statutes of Nevada 1925, subsection 3 and NRS 533.190 10 until those returns total [\$6,000,] an amount determined by the state board of examiners must be deposited in this account, and thereafter the account must be maintained for the purposes designated in this section. If the balance in the account exceeds the amount determined by the state board of examiners, that portion of the balance in the account which exceeds the amount determined by the state board of examiners must be deposited in the state general fund. If the balance in the account is below the amount determined by the state board of examiners, the state engineer



may request an allocation from the contingency fund pursuant to NRS 2 353.266, 353.268 and 353.269.

2. No part of the account may be used in the payment of attorney's fees.

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- 3. The State of Nevada shall recover all costs paid or advanced pursuant to the provisions of this section, and the money recovered must be placed in the account.
- 4. All expenditures from the account must be paid as other claims against the state are paid.
- Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the adjudication emergency account created pursuant to NRS 532.200 the sum 10 11 of \$10,000 to restore the balance in the account. 12
  - Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



