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SENATE BILL NO. 518—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION—BUDGET DIVISION)

MARCH 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations to contingency fund to restore and increase balance in fund and to Interim Finance Committee to assist state agencies and school districts in paying for certain energy needs. (BDR S-1514)

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.

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AN ACT relating to financial administration; making appropriations to the contingency fund to restore and increase the balance in the fund; making appropriations to the Interim Finance Committee to assist state agencies and school districts in paying for certain energy needs; 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 contingency fund, created by NRS 353.266, the sum of  
3 \$11,000,000 to restore and increase the balance in the fund to \$11,000,000.  
4     2. There is hereby appropriated from the state highway fund to the  
5 contingency fund, created by NRS 353.266, the sum of \$2,000,000. The  
6 money appropriated in this subsection must be accounted for separately  
7 and may only be used for expenditures that may be properly made from the  
8 state highway fund.  
9     **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund  
10 to the Interim Finance Committee:  
11     (a) The sum of \$5,250,000 on the effective date of this act; and  
12     (b) The sum of \$11,750,000 on July 1, 2001,  
13 to assist state agencies, including the University and Community College  
14 System of Nevada, in paying for energy (utilities) needs that exceed the  
15 amount that has otherwise been appropriated by the Legislature for that  
16 purpose.  
17     2. Money allocated pursuant to subsection 1 may only be used if all  
18 other sources of funding for energy (utilities) needs that have been  
19 appropriated by the Legislature have been exhausted by the requesting



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1 state agency, including the University and Community College System  
2 of Nevada.

3 3. If a state agency, including the University and Community College  
4 System of Nevada, desires to request funding pursuant to subsection 1,  
5 such a request must be approved by the State Board of Examiners before it  
6 may be submitted to the Interim Finance Committee. The Interim Finance  
7 Committee is not required to approve the entire funding in any request or  
8 to allocate the entire amount appropriated.

9 4. The Interim Finance Committee shall require such documentation  
10 and reporting by a requesting state agency, including the University and  
11 Community College System of Nevada, as it deems necessary to ensure the  
12 productive use of the money appropriated in subsection 1.

13 5. The sums appropriated by subsection 1 are available for either fiscal  
14 year. Any remaining balance of the sum appropriated by subsection 1 must  
15 not be allocated by the Interim Finance Committee after June 30, 2003, and  
16 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money  
17 committed have been made.

18 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund  
19 to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of \$6,500,000. This  
20 appropriation is provided as a one-time energy (utilities) pool available to  
21 school districts in meeting energy (utilities) costs which are greater than  
22 the amounts budgeted for the 2001-2003 biennium. No additional  
23 appropriation will be made for this purpose.

24 2. The State Board of Examiners shall establish policies, procedures  
25 and criteria for the review of requests for funding pursuant to subsection 1.  
26 Upon the adoption of such policies, procedures and criteria, the State  
27 Board of Examiners shall transmit a copy of the policies, procedures and  
28 criteria to the Interim Finance Committee for approval. Upon approval of  
29 the policies, procedures and criteria, the Interim Finance Committee shall  
30 transmit a copy of the policies, procedures and criteria to the Department  
31 of Education.

32 3. If a school district finds that its energy (utilities) costs are greater  
33 than the amounts budgeted for the 2001-2003 biennium, the school district  
34 may submit a request to the Department of Education for an allocation  
35 from the energy (utilities) pool created by subsection 1.

36 4. The Department of Education, the Budget Division of the  
37 Department of Administration and the Fiscal Analysis Division of the  
38 Legislative Counsel Bureau shall jointly review a request submitted  
39 pursuant to subsection 3, using the policies, procedures and criteria  
40 approved by the Interim Finance Committee pursuant to subsection 2.  
41 Upon completion of the review, a recommendation for or against an  
42 allocation to the requesting school district must be submitted to the State  
43 Board of Examiners.

44 5. The State Board of Examiners shall consider each request and  
45 recommend the amount of the allocation, if any, to the Interim Finance  
46 Committee.

47 6. The Interim Finance Committee is not required to approve the entire  
48 recommendation of the allocation pursuant to subsection 5 or to allocate  
49 the entire amount appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.



- 1     7. The sum appropriated by subsection 1 is available for either fiscal  
2 year. Any remaining balance of the sum appropriated by subsection 1 must  
3 not be allocated by the Interim Finance Committee after June 30, 2003, and  
4 reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money  
5 committed have been made.  
6     **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

