

SENATE BILL NO. 562—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION—BUDGET DIVISION)

MARCH 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Transfers office of science, engineering and technology within University and Community College System of Nevada to office of governor.  
(BDR 18-1446)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to the office of the governor; transferring the office of science, engineering and technology within the University and Community College System of Nevada to the office of the governor; 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.** Chapter 223 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
2     the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.  
3     **Sec. 2. 1. *There is hereby established within the office of the***  
4     ***governor, an office of science, engineering and technology.***  
5     ***2. The governor shall appoint the director of the office of science,***  
6     ***engineering and technology. In making the appointment, the governor***  
7     ***shall:***  
8     ***(a) Give consideration to any recommendations submitted by the***  
9     ***chancellor of the University and Community College System of Nevada;***  
10    ***(b) Take reasonable actions to recruit from throughout the United***  
11    ***States candidates who are qualified, including, without limitation,***  
12    ***advertising the position in appropriate technical journals and***  
13    ***publications; and***  
14    ***(c) Assemble a panel of persons with appropriate experience in***  
15    ***science, engineering and technology to make recommendations of***  
16    ***qualified candidates for the position. The panel must include members of***  
17    ***the Nevada Technology Council and the commission on economic***  
18    ***development.***  
19    ***3. The director serves at the pleasure of the governor.***



- 1     4. The director must have:
- 2     (a) A graduate degree in an appropriate field of science or
- 3     engineering;
- 4     (b) Experience administering major scientific and engineering
- 5     programs; and
- 6     (c) Demonstrated experience in the development of plans and policies
- 7     for state governments and the Federal Government.
- 8     5. If a vacancy occurs during the term of office of the director, the
- 9     governor shall appoint a person to serve the remainder of the unexpired
- 10    term in the manner provided in subsection 2.
- 11    6. The director shall devote his entire time and attention to the
- 12    business of his office and shall not engage in any other gainful
- 13    employment or occupation, except for consulting and academic pursuits
- 14    that the governor determines:
- 15    (a) Do not conflict with the duties of the director; and
- 16    (b) May further the interests of this state.
- 17    Sec. 3. The director of the office of science, engineering and
- 18    technology:
- 19    1. Shall serve as the state science, engineering and technology
- 20    adviser to the governor, legislature, various agencies of this state, and
- 21    businesses and industries located in this state.
- 22    2. May serve as a member of the Nevada Technology Council.
- 23    3. Shall work in coordination with the commission on economic
- 24    development to establish criteria and specific goals for economic
- 25    development and diversification in this state in the areas of science,
- 26    engineering and technology.
- 27    4. Shall identify and recommend policies:
- 28    (a) To ensure that projects and resources located in this state which
- 29    relate to science, engineering and technology are managed and
- 30    coordinated to provide the greatest benefit to residents of this state.
- 31    (b) Related to alternative uses of the Nevada Test Site that most
- 32    effectively utilize the technology which is available at the site.
- 33    (c) To establish programs that develop and enhance the scientific and
- 34    mathematical skills of pupils in this state.
- 35    (d) To coordinate the activities of the various agencies of this state to
- 36    bring advanced technological programs that are federally funded or
- 37    operated into this state.
- 38    (e) To provide technical assistance to the commission on economic
- 39    development and local authorities to bring advanced technology into this
- 40    state.
- 41    (f) To provide advice and assistance to businesses and industries that
- 42    are located in this state.
- 43    5. Shall not overlap or duplicate any work performed by the state
- 44    climatologist, state engineer, state health officer or the executive director
- 45    of the agency for nuclear projects.
- 46    Sec. 4. The director of the office of science, engineering and
- 47    technology shall:
- 48    1. Report periodically to the chairman and executive director of the
- 49    commission on economic development concerning the administration of



- 1 *the policies and programs of the office of science, engineering and*  
2 *technology.*  
3 2. *Submit a report to the director of the legislative counsel bureau on*  
4 *or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year for transmittal to the*  
5 *legislature. The report must include information that concerns the*  
6 *policies, programs, operations and functions of the office of science,*  
7 *engineering and technology and any recommendations of the office of*  
8 *science, engineering and technology for proposed legislation.*  
9 **Sec. 5.** 1. *The director of the office of science, engineering and*  
10 *technology may:*  
11 (a) *Accept any gift, donation, bequest or devise; and*  
12 (b) *Apply for and accept any grant, loan or other source of money,*  
13 *to assist him in carrying out his duties.*  
14 2. *The account for the office of science, engineering and technology*  
15 *is hereby created in the state general fund. Money accepted pursuant to*  
16 *subsection 1 must be deposited in the account for the office of science,*  
17 *engineering and technology. Money in the account must only be used to*  
18 *carry out the duties of the director.*  
19 **Sec. 6.** NRS 396.798, 396.7982, 396.7984 and 396.7988 are hereby  
20 repealed.  
21 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

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#### LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

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396.798 Office of Science, Engineering and Technology.  
396.7982 Director: Duties; powers; prohibited acts.  
396.7984 Periodic and biennial reports required of director.  
396.7988 Acceptance of gifts and money by director; creation of  
account; deposit of money.

