

SENATE BILL NO. 289—SENATOR NEAL

MARCH 14, 2003

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to appoint subcommittee to study feasibility of establishing State Health Authority to plan for single payer health care system and for expansion of Medicaid program. (BDR S-720)

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

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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 health care; directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a subcommittee to study the feasibility of establishing a State Health Authority to plan for a single payer health care system in the State of Nevada and for the expansion of the Medicaid program; 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. The Legislative Commission shall conduct an
2 interim study of the feasibility of establishing a State Health
3 Authority to plan for a single payer health care system and for the
4 expansion of the Medicaid program. The Legislative Commission
5 shall create a subcommittee to carry out the study.
6 2. The subcommittee must consist of:
7 (a) Two members of the Assembly appointed by the Legislative
8 Commission;
9 (b) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Legislative
10 Commission; and
11 (c) Four members appointed by the Governor.
12 3. The study must include, without limitation, the feasibility of
13 establishing a State Health Authority to:



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- 1 (a) Plan for the provision of health care services to the residents
- 2 of this state;
- 3 (b) Develop a plan for the State of Nevada to purchase all health
- 4 care services for residents of this state, including, without limitation,
- 5 a method for funding the plan;
- 6 (c) Develop a plan to expand Medicaid to provide all optional
- 7 services that it is authorized to provide pursuant to federal law; and
- 8 (d) Develop a plan to provide health insurance to residents of
- 9 this state whose incomes are under 300 percent of the federally
- 10 designated level signifying poverty and who but for their income are
- 11 otherwise eligible for benefits pursuant to Medicaid.
- 12 4. Members of the subcommittee who are appointed by the
- 13 Governor serve without salary, but are entitled to receive the per
- 14 diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and
- 15 employees generally while engaged in the business of the
- 16 subcommittee.
- 17 5. The subcommittee shall submit a report of the results of the
- 18 study and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative
- 19 Commission on or before September 1, 2004.
- 20 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

