

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 70—ASSEMBLYMEN KIRKPATRICK, MCCLEARY, SIBLEY, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, HARDY, HOGAN, KOIVISTO, MCCLAIN, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE AND SMITH

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR CARLTON

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Expresses sense of Legislature concerning use of school buildings and facilities by certain groups and organizations. (BDR S-842)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 school property; expressing the sense of the Legislature concerning the use of school buildings and facilities by groups and organizations that are not part of a school district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Under existing law, the boards of trustees of school districts are required to
2 provide for regulations for the use of school buildings and grounds for civic
3 meetings and recreational activities. (NRS 393.0717)

4 This bill expresses the sense of the Legislature that the school districts adopt or
5 revise applicable policies and regulations governing the use of school buildings and
6 facilities by groups and organizations that are not part of the school district in a
7 certain manner.



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1 WHEREAS, Communities benefit when public schools are
2 recognized and respected as focal points for intellectual, social and
3 cultural development; and

4 WHEREAS, Public schools are public facilities and, to the extent
5 possible, should serve the public in as many ways as possible; and

6 WHEREAS, There are groups and organizations in our
7 communities whose goals and efforts complement the goals and
8 efforts of public schools and are of direct benefit to pupils enrolled
9 in public schools; and

10 WHEREAS, It is beneficial for school districts to help support, to
11 the extent possible, such groups and organizations, which may
12 include, without limitation:

13 1. Youth-oriented groups and organizations that serve the
14 pupils enrolled in a public school and help promote the fundamental
15 missions of a school district; and

16 2. Adult groups and organizations that foster relationships
17 between parents and schools; and

18 WHEREAS, School districts may help support those groups and
19 organizations by:

20 1. Allowing the use of public school buildings and facilities by
21 those youth-oriented groups and organizations that serve the pupils
22 of a public school and promote the fundamental missions of the
23 school district; and

24 2. Providing those groups and organizations the opportunity to
25 perform service projects, upon the mutual agreement of the school
26 district and the group or organization, in lieu of paying a fee for
27 such use; and

28 WHEREAS, It remains vital for the school districts in this State to
29 preserve per-pupil allocations for the operation of the public schools
30 and to ensure that those dollars are not expended in support of
31 groups and organizations whose missions do not directly support
32 public education; now, therefore,

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34 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
35 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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37 **Section 1.** 1. The Legislature hereby encourages the board of
38 trustees of each school district in this State to adopt policies, or, if
39 applicable, to revise existing policies and regulations, governing the
40 use of school buildings and facilities by groups and organizations
41 that are not part of the school district in a manner that will minimize
42 costs to the school district as well as minimize costs to those groups
43 and organizations that are dedicated to the furtherance and benefit of
44 the mission of the school district.



1 2. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the boards of trustees
2 of the school districts in this State have a vested interest in ensuring
3 that the operations of the school district are consistent with the
4 policies and regulations adopted by the board of trustees. Therefore,
5 the Legislature hereby encourages the board of trustees of each
6 school district to exercise such authority as is necessary to ensure
7 that a policy or regulation adopted by the board of trustees
8 concerning the use of school buildings and facilities by groups and
9 organizations that are not part of the school district be applied as
10 consistently as possible by all schools located in that school district.
11 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



