
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APRIL 6, 2005

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Creates interim study on services provided to
homeless persons. (BDR R-1377)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Creating an
interim study on the services provided to homeless
persons.

1 WHEREAS, With a growth rate of 4.1 percent, according to the
2 United States Census Bureau, Nevada has ranked first in growth
3 among the states for the 18th consecutive year; and

4 WHEREAS, Along with growth in the general population comes
5 an increase in the homeless population, leaving those who are most
6 vulnerable without access to the most basic human necessities; and

7 WHEREAS, While the causes of homelessness are numerous and
8 complex, research shows that chronically homeless persons often
9 have developmental or physical disabilities, mental health
10 conditions or substance abuse problems and that they cycle
11 repeatedly through the community care system; and

12 WHEREAS, Developing and implementing a plan to prevent and
13 end homelessness requires collaboration and coordination at all
14 levels of federal, state and local government, together with private,
15 philanthropic, faith-based and business sectors, to determine how
16 best to deliver essential services and to provide housing; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
19 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
20 directed to appoint an interim committee composed of three
21 members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly to
22 conduct a study of services provided to homeless persons in this
23 State; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall designate a
2 Chairman of the interim committee who shall appoint an advisory
3 committee of not more than five persons, who are not Legislators,
4 who have experience and expertise with issues relating to
5 homelessness; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an
7 examination of:

8 1. The feasibility of consolidating services provided to
9 homeless persons into two regional locations, one for northern
10 Nevada and one for southern Nevada, and the practicality of
11 relocating the facilities for providing these services to outlying
12 regions of urban areas;

13 2. All resources, both public and private, that provide
14 assistance to homeless persons to prevent duplication of programs
15 and to develop and implement a plan to alleviate homelessness in
16 this State;

17 3. Programs to reunite homeless persons with their families
18 where they may have an existing support system;

19 4. Programs available for the education and health care of
20 children and runaway youths, to prevent the continuation of the
21 cycle of homelessness;

22 5. Outreach programs and emergency shelter services;

23 6. The best methods for providing services that meet the needs
24 of homeless persons, including, without limitation, counseling
25 services for substance abuse and for mental health, transportation,
26 education, health care, food, shelter and services that provide other
27 basic needs; and

28 7. Legislation that may be needed to alleviate homelessness to
29 enable the individuals and families to lead productive, self-sufficient
30 lives; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
32 interim committee must be approved by a majority of the members
33 of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly
34 appointed to the committee; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
36 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
37 legislation to the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

