

SENATE BILL NO. 18—SENATOR MCGINNESS

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing program that provides grants for water conservation and capital improvements to certain water systems. (BDR 30-707)

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 water; authorizing grants for certain costs associated with connections to municipal water systems; increasing the amount of general obligation bonds that the State Board of Finance may issue to provide the grants; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes a program to provide grants to publicly owned water systems to pay the costs associated with various types of projects authorized by statute. (NRS 349.980-349.987)

This bill expands the authorized projects to include the connection of certain domestic wells or wells with temporary permits to a municipal water system. To receive a grant, the wells must be located in an area where the water quality fails to comply with the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act. (42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq.)

Existing law requires the State Board of Finance to issue general obligation bonds to support the grant program. (NRS 349.986)

This bill increases the amount of the bonds that can be issued for the grant program from \$90 million to \$125 million.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 349.981 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 349.981 1. There is hereby established a program to provide
3 grants of money to:

4 (a) A purveyor of water to pay for costs of capital improvements
5 to publicly owned community water systems and publicly owned
6 nontransient water systems required or made necessary by the State
7 Board of Health pursuant to NRS 445A.800 to 445A.955, inclusive,
8 or made necessary by the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§
9 300f et seq., and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

10 (b) An eligible recipient to pay for the cost of improvements to
11 conserve water, including, without limitation:

- 12 (1) Piping or lining of an irrigation canal;
13 (2) Recovery or recycling of wastewater or tailwater;
14 (3) Scheduling of irrigation;
15 (4) Measurement or metering of the use of water;
16 (5) Improving the efficiency of irrigation operations; and
17 (6) Improving the efficiency of the operation of a facility for
18 the storage of water, including, without limitation, efficiency in
19 diverting water to such a facility.

20 (c) An eligible recipient **H** to pay the following costs associated
21 with connecting a domestic well or well with a temporary permit to
22 a municipal water system, if the well was in existence on or before
23 October 1, 1999, and the well is located in an area designated by the
24 State Engineer pursuant to NRS 534.120 as an area where the
25 ground water basin is being depleted:

26 (1) Any local or regional fee for connection to the municipal
27 water system.

28 (2) The cost of any capital improvement that is required to
29 comply with a decision or regulation of the State Engineer.

30 (d) An eligible recipient **H** to pay the following costs associated
31 with abandoning an individual sewage disposal system and
32 connecting the property formerly served by the abandoned
33 individual sewage disposal system to a community sewage disposal
34 system, if the Division of Environmental Protection requires the
35 individual sewage disposal system to be abandoned and the property
36 upon which the individual sewage disposal system was located to be
37 connected to a community sewage disposal system pursuant to the
38 provisions of NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive, or any
39 regulations adopted pursuant thereto:

40 (1) Any local or regional fee for connection to the
41 community sewage disposal system.



(2) The cost of any capital improvement that is required to comply with a statute of this State or a decision, directive, order or regulation of the Division of Environmental Protection.

(e) An eligible recipient to pay the following costs associated with connecting a domestic well or well with a temporary permit to a municipal water system, if the well is located in an area where the water quality fails to comply with the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq., and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto:

(1) Any local or regional fee for connection to the municipal water system.

(2) The cost of any capital improvement that is required for the water quality in the area where the well is located to comply with the standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300f et seq., and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 349.983, the determination of who is to receive a grant is solely within the discretion of the Board.

3. As used in this section, "eligible recipient" means a political subdivision of this State, including, without limitation, a city, county, unincorporated town, water authority, conservation district, irrigation district, water district or water conservancy district.

Sec. 2. NRS 349.986 is hereby amended to read as follows:

349.986 The State Board of Finance shall issue general obligation bonds of the State of Nevada in the face amount of not more than ~~[\$90,000,000]~~ **\$125,000,000** to support the purposes of the program. The net proceeds from the sale of the bonds must be deposited in the Fund. The bonds must be redeemed through the Consolidated Bond Interest and Redemption Fund.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.



