

Senate Bill No. 314—Senators Titus and Beers

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT transferring money from the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism to certain state and local governmental entities for various cultural, historical and tourist-related activities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

**Section 1.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer \$600,000 from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the restoration and preservation of the exterior of the Lear Theater in Reno, Nevada.

2. The Department of Cultural Affairs shall prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money that was received by the Department of Cultural Affairs through December 1, 2006.

3. Any remaining balance of the sum transferred pursuant to subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 21, 2007.

**Sec. 2.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, respectively, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer the following amounts from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of the Elgin Schoolhouse as a historic site for visitation by the public:

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| For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... | \$24,304 |
| For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... | \$17,469 |

2. Any balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 15, 2006, and September 21, 2007, respectively.

**Sec. 3.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, respectively, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer the following amounts from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the Western Folklife Center for support of the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada:

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| For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... | \$100,000 |
| For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... | \$100,000 |

2. Upon acceptance of the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1, the Western Folklife Center shall:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Western Folklife Center through December 1, 2006; and

(b) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the Western Folklife Center regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1.

3. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 15, 2006, and September 21, 2007, respectively.

**Sec. 4.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, respectively, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer the following amounts from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas for an educational program at the Museum:

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| For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... | \$125,000 |
| For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... | \$95,000  |

2. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 must be used by the Atomic Testing Museum to:

- (a) Provide instructional materials in classrooms;
- (b) Allow access to the Internet for teachers and pupils; and
- (c) Subsidize admission and transportation costs for schools and waive entirely admission for pupils who attend designated at-risk schools.

3. Upon acceptance of the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1, the Atomic Testing Museum shall:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Atomic Testing Museum through December 1, 2006; and

(b) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the Atomic Testing Museum regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1.

4. Any balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 15, 2006, and September 21, 2007, respectively.

**Sec. 5.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, respectively, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer the following amounts from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the Interim Finance Committee:

For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... \$600,000

For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... \$50,000

2. The money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 shall be allocated to the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority to implement the Truckee River Recreational Master Plan as adopted by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County through a public review process. The money must be used to plan, obtain permits for, design and construct not more than four projects along the Truckee River that would enhance the recreational enjoyment, aquatic habitat and water quality of the Truckee River. The money must be expended on the following projects but is not limited to Rock Park, Pioneer Diversion Dam, Ambrose Park and Idlewild Park.

3. The Interim Finance Committee shall allocate the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 upon notification that the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County have committed to expend, in total, an equal amount of money on Truckee River improvement related projects. For the purpose of this section, Truckee River improvement related projects include any public

project to improve the Truckee River for watershed protection, watershed restoration, recreation or flood control.

4. Upon acceptance of the money allocated pursuant to subsection 2, the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority shall prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money allocated pursuant to subsection 2 from the date on which the money was received by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority through December 1, 2006.

5. The Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority shall not assess an administrative fee or fine upon any local governing bodies relating to compliance with the provisions of subsections 3 and 4.

6. A public review and approval process, as determined by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and Washoe County, must be completed before the commencement of construction of any project that uses money allocated pursuant to this section. Project design, construction documents and funding processes related to any such project must be approved by each local governing body having jurisdiction over the project. Each such project must conform to the parameters of the Truckee River Flood Control Project and the Truckee River Operating Agreement.

7. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 21, 2007.

**Sec. 6.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006, respectively, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer the following amounts from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the University of Nevada Reno Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center in Reno, Nevada, for costs of equipment:

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| For the Fiscal Year 2005-2006..... | \$11,500 |
| For the Fiscal Year 2006-2007..... | \$14,500 |

2. Upon acceptance of the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1, the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center shall:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center through December 1, 2006; and

(b) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money transferred pursuant to subsection 1.

3. Any remaining balance of the sums transferred pursuant to subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 21, 2007.

**Sec. 7.** 1. The Commission on Tourism shall, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2006, without depleting the funds necessary for day-to-day operations, transfer \$300,000 from the proceeds from the taxes imposed on the revenue from the rental of transient lodging which have been credited to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism, created by NRS 231.250, to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to provide for and display historical interpretive signs for the California Trail Wayside Sites to be located in eight northern Nevada counties of this State.

2. Any remaining balance of the sum transferred pursuant to subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, and must be reverted to the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism on or before September 18, 2009.

**Sec. 8.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act become effective on July 1, 2005.

2. Section 7 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2006.





