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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 189—ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON, PARKS,  
CLABORN, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK,  
KOIVISTO, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA,  
OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM AND SMITH

FEBRUARY 27, 2007

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Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**SUMMARY**—Makes an appropriation to fund positions within the Nevada System of Higher Education concerned with reducing risks from natural hazards. (BDR S-943)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

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AN ACT making an appropriation to fund positions within the Nevada System of Higher Education concerned with reducing risks from natural hazards; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
2 General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada  
3 for paying the salaries and benefits of six new full-time employees  
4 within the Nevada System of Higher Education whose primary  
5 responsibilities concern the reduction of risks from natural hazards:

6              For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....\$539,887  
7              For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....\$575,000

8        2. The employees described in subsection 1 must include:  
9              (a) Three persons employed at the Nevada Seismological  
10 Laboratory to improve the capability of the Laboratory to detect and  
11 understand earthquakes and their effects on buildings and to develop  
12 an early warning system for earthquakes;



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1       (b) Two persons employed at the Bureau of Mines and Geology  
2 of the State of Nevada to locate active earthquake faults, to evaluate  
3 earthquake hazards using geologic and geodetic techniques and to  
4 support various risk-reduction programs concerning earthquakes,  
5 floods and other natural disasters; and

6       (c) One person employed at the Nevada State Climate Office to  
7 upgrade the statewide monitoring of weather and climate and to help  
8 reduce the risks resulting from floods, droughts and wildfires.

9       3. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1  
10 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be be  
11 committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal  
12 years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
13 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
14 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
15 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
16 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively, by  
17 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity  
18 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and  
19 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
20 September 19, 2008, and September 18, 2009, respectively.

21       **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

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