

A.B. 270

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 270—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 8, 2007

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for the distribution of grants to certain public broadcasting organizations. (BDR S-455)

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.

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Education for the distribution of grants to certain public broadcasting organizations; 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 Department of Education the sum of
- 3 \$2,259,937 for the distribution of grants to public broadcasting
- 4 organizations in accordance with this section.
- 5 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, before a
- 6 broadcasting organization is eligible for a grant of money pursuant
- 7 to this section, the organization must submit to the Department
- 8 evidence of a match of money from a source other than the State in
- 9 an amount equal to 100 percent of the amount of the grant. Evidence
- 10 of a match may include, without limitation, copies of checks,
- 11 records of wire transfers, records of credit cards and other
- 12 documentation acceptable to the Department. Each match must be
- 13 specifically delineated for the purpose for which the grant is made to
- 14 the organization pursuant to this section.
- 15 3. If an organization does not have a match that is equal to 100
- 16 percent of the grant, the Department may make distributions to the
- 17 organization in increments of 25 percent of the total amount of the



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1 grant if the organization provides evidence of a match in an amount
2 equal to the incremental distribution. Such evidence must be in the
3 form set forth in subsection 2. The provisions of this subsection do
4 not preclude the Department from making more than one
5 incremental distribution to an organization at the same time if the
6 organization submits the required evidence of a match.

7 4. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the
8 Department shall distribute \$500,000, or an increment thereof in
9 accordance with subsection 3, to KNPB, Reno, for:

- 10 (a) An emergency generator;
- 11 (b) An interlink to Carson City;
- 12 (c) A fiber optic connection to Elko;
- 13 (d) A digital translator for Verdi;
- 14 (e) Satellite uplink upgrades;
- 15 (f) Conversion of space in the building currently occupied by
16 KNPB, Reno;
- 17 (g) Production equipment for the GoodWorks project;
- 18 (h) A webcast upgrade; and
- 19 (i) Expansion of the studio lighting grid.

20 5. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the
21 Department shall distribute \$638,587, or an increment thereof in
22 accordance with subsection 3, to KNPR, Nevada Public Radio, Las
23 Vegas, for:

- 24 (a) Construction of a studio generator and other redundant
25 systems to increase reliability;
- 26 (b) Enhanced web content;
- 27 (c) Creation of a citizen journalism program; and
- 28 (d) A special fund for Nevada programming.

29 6. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the
30 Department shall distribute \$1,000,000, or an increment thereof in
31 accordance with subsection 3, to KLVX, Las Vegas, for digital
32 translators, towers and equipment buildings to provide digital
33 service to rural areas in Nevada.

34 7. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the
35 Department shall distribute \$68,850, or an increment thereof in
36 accordance with subsection 3, to KUNR, Reno, for:

- 37 (a) Upgrading outdated translator equipment in eight locations
38 in rural areas in Nevada; and

- 39 (b) Improvement of the satellite uplink that feeds the translators.

40 8. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the
41 Department shall distribute \$35,000, or an increment thereof in
42 accordance with subsection 3, to KCEP, Las Vegas, for an improved
43 station automation system and a station vehicle to improve
44 interaction with the community.



9. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the Department shall distribute \$13,500, or an increment thereof in accordance with subsection 3, to KUNV, Las Vegas, to:

(a) Upgrade the station automation system; and

(b) Continue the Jazz Legends Preservation Project.

10. Upon verification of the match required by this section, the Department shall distribute \$4,000, or an increment thereof in accordance with subsection 3, to KNCC, Elko, for an automatic transmission system and an emergency alert system to relay emergency communications to the community.

Sec. 2. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by section 1 of this act, a broadcasting organization which receives the money shall:

1. Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2008, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by section 1 of this act from the date on which the money was received by the broadcasting organization through December 1, 2008; and

2. 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 broadcasting organization regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money appropriated by section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

