

SENATE BILL NO. 218—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 6, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to county fair and recreation boards. (BDR 20-1020)

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 county fair and recreation boards; clarifying that a county fair and recreation board may organize and operate an event such as a county fair; authorizing such a board to apply for and accept gifts, grants and donations of money or property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law authorizes the creation of and sets forth the duties of county fair
2 and recreation boards. Existing law suggests, but does not state explicitly, that such
3 a board may organize and operate a county fair. (NRS 244A.599, 244A.619) This
4 bill authorizes county fair and recreation boards to plan, organize and operate
5 events such as a county fair. This bill also authorizes such boards to apply for and
6 accept grants and to accept bequests, devises, donations or gifts of money or
7 property, and to accept and exchange goods or services in kind, for the purposes of
8 carrying out their powers and duties.

1 WHEREAS, County fairs have a long and colorful history in the
2 State of Nevada, dating back over 100 years; and

3 WHEREAS, County fairs benefit the State by promoting tourism
4 and economic development and fostering a sense of community
5 pride; and

6 WHEREAS, County fairs also benefit the State by increasing
7 public awareness of both the history and current importance of
8 crafts and trades such as blacksmithing, canning, dairying, farming,
9 growing, herding, mining, quilting, ranching and zymurgy; and



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1 WHEREAS, Several of the county fairs conducted in this State
2 rely significantly upon the contributions of persons who donate their
3 services and time voluntarily; and

4 WHEREAS, In today's modern world, distractions such as
5 television and the Internet may have caused certain residents of this
6 State to forget the joy and cultural richness associated with county
7 fairs; and

8 WHEREAS, Expanding the types of funding available for the
9 purpose of conducting a county fair is important to ensure that
10 county fairs do not become a relic of the past; now, therefore,

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12 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
13 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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15 **Section 1.** NRS 244A.619 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 244A.619 In addition to powers elsewhere conferred, the
18 county fair and recreation board of any county, upon behalf of the
19 county and in connection with the recreational facilities herein
20 authorized, is authorized and empowered:

21 1. To establish, construct, purchase, lease, enter into a lease
22 purchase agreement respecting, rent, acquire by gift, grant, bequest,
23 devise, or otherwise acquire, reconstruct, improve, extend, better,
24 alter, repair, equip, furnish, regulate, maintain, operate and manage
25 recreational facilities, including personal property, real property,
26 lands, improvements and fixtures thereon, property of any nature
27 appurtenant thereto or used in connection therewith, and every
28 estate, interest and right, legal or equitable, therein, including terms
29 for years.

30 2. To insure or provide for the insurance of any recreational
31 facility against such risks and hazards as the board may deem
32 advisable.

33 3. To arrange or contract for the furnishing by any person,
34 agency, association or corporation, public or private, of services,
35 privileges, works or facilities for, or in connection with, a
36 recreational facility; and to hire and retain officers, agents and
37 employees, including a fiscal adviser, engineers, attorneys, or other
38 professional or specialized personnel.

39 4. *To plan, schedule, organize, advertise, conduct and operate*
40 *events, including, without limitation, county fairs and expositions.*

41 5. To direct the board of county commissioners, with the
42 concurrence of the board, to acquire by the exercise of the power of
43 eminent domain any real property which the county fair and
44 recreation board may deem necessary for its purposes under NRS
45 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive, after the adoption by the board of



1 a resolution declaring that its acquisition is necessary for such
2 purposes. This power shall be exercised in the manner provided by
3 any applicable statutory provisions and laws of the State of Nevada.
4 Title to property so acquired shall be taken in the name of the
5 county.

6 ~~15-1~~ 6. To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign or otherwise
7 dispose of any real or personal property, or any interest therein
8 acquired for the purpose of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive,
9 including the lease of any recreational facility acquired by the
10 county under the provisions of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655,
11 inclusive, which is to be operated and maintained as a public project
12 and recreational facility.

13 ~~16-1~~ 7. To fix, and from time to time increase or decrease, rates,
14 tolls or charges for services or facilities furnished in connection with
15 any recreational facility, and to take such action as necessary or
16 desirable to effect their collection, and, with the consent of the board
17 of county commissioners, to provide for the levy by the board of
18 county commissioners of ad valorem taxes, the proceeds thereof to
19 be used in connection with the recreational facilities.

20 ~~17-1~~ 8. To receive, control, invest and order the expenditure of
21 any and all moneys and funds pertaining to any recreational facility
22 or related properties, including but not limited to annual grants to
23 the State, the county and incorporated cities in the county for capital
24 improvements for recreational facilities.

25 ~~18-1~~ 9. To enter into contracts, leases or other arrangements for
26 commercial advertising purposes with any person, partnership or
27 corporation.

28 ~~19-1~~ 10. To exercise all or any part or combination of the
29 powers herein granted to such county, except as herein otherwise
30 provided.

31 ~~110-1~~ 11. To sue and be sued.

32 ~~111-1~~ 12. *To apply for and accept any available grants, to*
33 *accept any bequests, devises, donations or gifts from any public or*
34 *private source, and to accept and exchange goods or services in*
35 *kind, to carry out the provisions of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655,*
36 *inclusive.*

37 13. To do and perform any and all other acts and things
38 necessary, convenient, desirable or appropriate to carry out the
39 provisions of NRS 244A.597 to 244A.655, inclusive.

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

