

SENATE BILL NO. 224—SENATOR RHODS

MARCH 6, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare for and suppress wildland fires in this State. (BDR S-988)

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 Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare for and suppress wildland fires in this State; 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. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to prepare for and suppress wildland fires in this State:

For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.....	\$988,142.11
For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.....	\$549,838.68

Sec. 2. The money appropriated by section 1 of this act must be used to:

1. Increase the Division's aviation program by providing a full-time Helicopter Manager and adding five seasonal employees to Helitac for 6 months.

2. Provide a full-time Fire Protection Officer in Clark and Nye Counties to work with cooperating agencies to accomplish fuels and vegetation management projects to reduce the threat of wildfire in the wildland urban interface areas of these counties.



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1 3. Purchase a Type III engine, fully equipped, to be located in
2 Elko County, Nevada.

3 4. Hire two seasonal employees for 9 months and five seasonal
4 employees for 6 months to be stationed in Elko County, Nevada.

5 5. Hire a Training Captain in Elko County, Nevada, available
6 to provide training to volunteer fire departments and act as a
7 qualified Type 3 Incident Commander.

8 6. Hire a Safety Captain in Elko County, Nevada, also
9 available to provide training to volunteer fire departments and act as
10 a qualified Type 3 Incident Commander.

11 7. Supply training material and personal protective equipment
12 to volunteer fire departments and rural Nevada ranchers.

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

23 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

