

SENATE BILL NO. 226—SENATOR AMODEI

MARCH 7, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation for the expenses involved in thinning the forests in state parks. (BDR S-1159)

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 State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to pay the expenses involved in thinning the forests in state parks; 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. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the sum of \$150,000 to be used to pay the expenses involved in thinning forests in state parks, including, without limitation, expenses related to the use of prison crews to perform the thinning and the costs of any other services that are necessary to manage effectively the thinning of the forests through harvesting of timber.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 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



1 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
2 Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

3 **Sec. 3.** 1. The Division of State Parks of the State
4 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall, during the
5 2007-2009 interim, conduct a study:

6 (a) To determine the feasibility of generating revenue for forest
7 management through thinning the forests in state parks, including,
8 without limitation, the use of forest products for biomass fuel, soil
9 amendments, commercial Christmas trees, firewood and commercial
10 lumber harvesting; and

11 (b) To evaluate the fireshed management plan for protecting the
12 Lake Tahoe Basin from fire incursion from outside the Basin.

13 2. The Administrator of the Division shall submit a report of
14 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to
15 the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmission to
16 the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

