

SENATE BILL NO. 260—SENATOR AMODEI

MARCH 12, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a study of and requirements related to various systems of communication. (BDR S-957)

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 relating to systems of communication; requiring that the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources conduct a study on the establishment of a statewide VHF radio system; making an appropriation to the Division of Forestry to conduct the study; requiring that the VHF radio system of the Nevada Highway Patrol of the Department of Public Safety not be dismantled or sold until the completion and presentation of the study to the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law describes various rules related to certain systems of communication as used by various entities across the State. (NRS 239C.100, 239C.160, 332.115, 332.830, 333.820, 408.569, 414.210, 450B.237)

This bill requires the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct a study on the establishment of a statewide VHF radio system for use by federal, state and local public entities operating in rural Nevada. **Section 1** of this bill describes the requirements related to the study. **Section 2** of this bill appropriates \$450,000 from the State General Fund for the study. **Section 3** of this bill describes certain requirements regarding the appropriation. **Section 4** of this bill states that the VHF radio system of the Nevada Highway Patrol of the Department of Public Safety must not be dismantled or sold until the study is reported to the Legislature.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. The Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall conduct a study on the establishment of a statewide, integrated and consolidated VHF radio system for federal, state and local public entities operating in rural Nevada.

2. The study must, without limitation:

(a) Include:

(1) A plan for federal, state and local public entities that respond to emergencies to use the VHF radio system of the Nevada Highway Patrol of the Department of Public Safety; and

(2) A plan for continued maintenance and future upgrades to a statewide VHF radio system, including, without limitation, a cost allocation formula for the users of the system;

(b) Identify existing VHF radio equipment presently owned by federal, state and local governments that can be used within a statewide radio network;

(c) Identify the requirements and costs of any additional equipment and infrastructure;

(d) Identify the best use of existing VHF radio licenses and frequencies;

(e) Identify additional VHF radio frequencies that may be licensed and used;

(f) Identify how a statewide VHF radio system will integrate into existing or planned radio systems;

(g) Identify how a statewide VHF radio system may comply with federal and state requirements, including, without limitation, requirements related to homeland security; and

(h) Identify a standard operating procedure for the use of a statewide VHF radio system.

3. The Division shall create a committee composed of representatives from federal, state and local public entities operating in rural Nevada to oversee the study, including, without limitation, the following aspects of the study:

(a) The selection of a qualified consultant for the study;

(b) The scope of the study; and

(c) The final report of the study.

4. The final report of the study must be presented to the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the sum of \$450,000 to conduct the study described in section 1 of this act.



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

11 **Sec. 4.** The VHF radio system of the Nevada Highway Patrol
12 of the Department of Public Safety must not be dismantled or sold
13 until the study described in section 1 of this act is presented to the
14 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature.

15 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

