

SENATE BILL NO. 331—SENATOR COFFIN (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for the support of research and other activities concerning energy. (BDR S-318)

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 natural resources; making an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for the construction and installation of a geothermal energy system, the establishment and operation of a laboratory for research concerning environmental sustainability, alternative energy and renewable resources and the support of research relating to the reduction and reclamation of solid waste; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill appropriates money to the Nevada System of Higher Education for:
- 2 (1) the construction and installation of a geothermal energy system at the
- 3 Renewable Energy Center of the University of Nevada, Reno; (2) the establishment
- 4 and operation of a research laboratory at the Redfield Campus of the University of
- 5 Nevada, Reno, to conduct research concerning environmental sustainability,
- 6 alternative energy and renewable resources; and (3) the support of research relating
- 7 to the reduction and reclamation of solid waste.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the State General
- 2 Fund to the Nevada System of Higher Education the sum of
- 3 \$8,300,000 to be allocated as follows:



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- 1 1. For the construction and installation of a geothermal energy
2 system at the Renewable Energy Center of the University of
3 Nevada, Reno..... \$3,500,000
4 2. For the establishment and operation of a research laboratory
5 at the Redfield Campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, to
6 conduct research concerning environmental sustainability,
7 alternative energy and renewable resources \$3,000,000
8 3. For the support of research relating to the reduction and
9 reclamation of solid waste:
10 For the Fiscal Year 2007-2008..... \$900,000
11 For the Fiscal Year 2008-2009..... \$900,000
12 **Sec. 2.** The sums appropriated by section 1 of this act are
13 available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums
14 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the
15 entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which
16 money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in
17 any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining
18 must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by
19 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity
20 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and
21 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before
22 September 18, 2009.
23 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

