SENATE BILL NO. 390–SENATOR NOLAN

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain grants to local governments for disaster relief. (BDR 31-1347)

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 emergency management; revising provisions governing certain grants to local governments for disaster relief; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, money in the Disaster Relief Account in the Fund to Stabilize the Operation of the State Government may be distributed as a grant to a local government because of a disaster for the payment of: (1) not more than 50 percent of the expenses incurred by the local government to repair or replace damaged facilities and for emergency measures undertaken; and (2) not more than 50 percent of any grant match that the local government is required to provide to obtain a grant from a federal disaster assistance agency for an eligible project. (NRS 353.2745)

This bill revises the manner in which the amount of such a grant to a local government is determined. If the local government does not obtain a grant for an eligible project from a federal disaster assistance agency, the amount of the grant distributed from the Account to the local government may cover the entire amount of the expenses incurred by the local government to repair and replace damaged facilities and to take emergency measures relating to the disaster. If the local government obtains such a federal grant, the amount of the grant distributed from the Account to the local government may cover: (1) expenses incurred by the local government for repairs, replacements and emergency measures relating to the disaster that are not otherwise covered by the federal grant; or (2) any grant match that the local government is required to provide to obtain the federal grant or 25 percent of the total expenses incurred by the local government for repairs, replacements and emergency measures relating to the disaster, whichever is greater.

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

Section 1. NRS 353.2745 is hereby amended to read as follows:

353.2745 Money in the Account may be distributed as a grant to a local government because of a disaster for:

1. ~~[The]~~ ***If the local government does not obtain a grant from a federal disaster assistance agency for an eligible project to repair damage caused by the disaster within the jurisdiction of the local government, the*** payment of ~~[not more than 50 percent of]~~ the ***total*** expenses incurred by the local government for:

(a) The repair or replacement of public roads, public streets, bridges, water control facilities, public buildings, public utilities, recreational facilities and parks owned by the local government and damaged by the disaster; and

(b) Any emergency measures undertaken to save lives, protect public health and safety or protect public property, including, without limitation, an emergency measure undertaken in response to a crisis involving violence on school property, at a school activity or on a school bus, in the jurisdiction in which the disaster occurred; and

2. ~~[The]~~ ***If the local government obtains a grant from a federal disaster assistance agency for an eligible project to repair damage caused by the disaster within the jurisdiction of the local government, the*** payment of ~~[not more than 50 percent of any]~~ ***:***

(a) Any expenses incurred by the local government for the purposes set forth in paragraph (a) and (b) of subsection 1 that are not covered by the grant from the federal disaster assistance agency; or

(b) Any grant match the local government must provide to obtain ~~[a]~~ ***the*** grant from ~~[a]~~ ***the*** federal disaster assistance agency ~~[for an eligible project to repair damage caused by the disaster within the jurisdiction of the local government.]~~ ***or 25 percent of the total expenses incurred by the local government for the purposes set forth in paragraph (a) and (b) of subsection 1, whichever is greater.***

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