

SENATE BILL NO. 513—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates the position of Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems for Natural Resources within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (BDR 18-403)

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 information systems; creating the position of Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems for Natural Resources within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; creating the Fund for Natural Resource Agencies; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Section 2 of this bill creates the position of Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems for Natural Resources within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Geographic information system for natural resources" is defined in **section 5** of this bill to mean a system of hardware, software and data files on which spatially oriented geographical information relating to the existence or location of a natural resource or any other information relating to a natural resource is digitally collected, stored and displayed.

Section 3 of this bill requires the Coordinator, if requested by a natural resource agency, to provide assistance to the agency in the collection, management, mapping, analysis and sharing of data for the geographic information system for natural resources of the natural resource agency. "Natural resource agency" is defined in **section 5** of this bill to apply to 12 governmental entities, including the State Department of Agriculture, the Department of Wildlife, the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, the Nevada Natural Heritage Program, the Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources, the Office of Historic Preservation of the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Division of Conservation Districts, the Division of Environmental Protection, the Division of



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Forestry, the Division of State Lands, the Division of State Parks and the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Section 4 of this bill creates the Fund for Natural Resource Agencies and authorizes the Coordinator to expend money from the Fund only to provide training to an employee of a natural resource agency relating to the creation, operation or maintenance of a geographic information system for natural resources or to provide matching money for that purpose.

Section 8 of this bill appropriates \$75,000 from the State General Fund to the Fund for Natural Resource Agencies to provide training of employees of natural resource agencies in the creation, operation or maintenance of a geographic information system for natural resources.

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

Section 1. Chapter 232 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

Sec. 2. 1. *The position of Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems for Natural Resources is hereby created within the Department.*

2. *The Director shall appoint the Coordinator. The person so appointed:*

(a) *Is in the unclassified service of the State; and*

(b) *Must be selected on the basis of his training, education, experience, capability and interest in geographic information systems for natural resources.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The Coordinator shall:*

(a) *Coordinate the activities of each natural resource agency relating to the establishment, maintenance and operation of the geographic information system for natural resources of the natural resource agency;*

(b) *Act as liaison between the State of Nevada and each federal land management agency concerning the coordination and sharing of data for geographic information systems for natural resources;*

(c) *Upon request by a natural resource agency, assist the natural resource agency in the collection, management, mapping, analysis and sharing of data for the geographic information system for natural resources of the natural resource agency; and*

(d) *Perform any other duty required by the Director.*

2. *The Coordinator and each natural resource agency may enter into a cooperative agreement with a federal land management agency or another natural resource agency for the exchange of information collected, stored or managed in the*



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1 *geographic information system for natural resources of the federal*
2 *land management agency or natural resource agency.*

3 **Sec. 4.** 1. *The Fund for Natural Resource Agencies is*
4 *hereby created in the State Treasury as a revolving fund. The*
5 *Coordinator shall administer the Fund.*

6 2. *The money in the Fund must be invested as other state*
7 *funds are invested. Any interest and income earned on the money*
8 *in the Fund must, after deducting any applicable charges, be*
9 *credited to the Fund. Any money remaining in the Fund at the end*
10 *of a fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund, and the*
11 *balance in the Fund must be carried forward.*

12 3. *The Coordinator may expend money from the Fund only:*

13 (a) *To provide training to an employee of a natural resource*
14 *agency relating to the creation, operation or maintenance of a*
15 *geographic information system for natural resources; or*

16 (b) *To match any money provided by a natural resource*
17 *agency to provide training for the employee for that purpose.*

18 4. *Claims against the Fund must be paid as other claims*
19 *against the State are paid.*

20 5. *The Coordinator may accept any gift, donation,*
21 *appropriation, contribution, grant or bequest of money from any*
22 *public or private source. Any money accepted pursuant to this*
23 *subsection must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the*
24 *Fund.*

25 **Sec. 5.** NRS 232.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 232.010 As used in NRS 232.010 to 232.150, inclusive ~~{1}~~ ,
27 *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act:*

28 1. *“Coordinator” means the Coordinator of Geographic*
29 *Information Systems for Natural Resources appointed by the*
30 *Director pursuant to section 2 of this act.*

31 2. *“Department” means the State Department of Conservation*
32 *and Natural Resources.*

33 ~~{2-1}~~ 3. *“Director” means the Director of the ~~{State-Department~~*
34 *~~of Conservation and Natural Resources.}~~ Department.*

35 4. *“Federal land management agency” means the Bureau of*
36 *Land Management, the United States Forest Service or any other*
37 *agency of the Federal Government that manages or controls land*
38 *within the State of Nevada.*

39 5. *“Geographic information system for natural resources”*
40 *means a system of hardware, software and data files on which*
41 *spatially oriented geographical information relating to a natural*
42 *resource or the existence or location of a natural resource is*
43 *digitally collected, stored, managed, manipulated, analyzed and*
44 *displayed.*

45 6. *“Natural resource agency” means:*



- (a) *The State Department of Agriculture;*
- (b) *The Department of Wildlife;*
- (c) *The Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses;*
- (d) *The Division of Minerals of the Commission on Mineral Resources;*
- (e) *The Nevada Natural Heritage Program;*
- (f) *The Office of Historic Preservation of the Department of Cultural Affairs; and*
- (g) *The following Divisions of the Department:*
 - (1) *The Division of Conservation Districts;*
 - (2) *The Division of Environmental Protection;*
 - (3) *The Division of Forestry;*
 - (4) *The Division of State Lands;*
 - (5) *The Division of State Parks; and*
 - (6) *The Division of Water Resources.*

Sec. 6. NRS 232.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:
232.090 1. The Department consists of the Director and the following divisions:

- (a) The Division of Water Resources.
- (b) The Division of State Lands.
- (c) The Division of Forestry.
- (d) The Division of State Parks.
- (e) The Division of Conservation Districts.
- (f) The Division of Environmental Protection.
- (g) Such other divisions as the Director may from time to time establish.

2. The State Environmental Commission, the State Conservation Commission, the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses, the Nevada Natural Heritage Program, ~~and~~ the Board to Review Claims *and the Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems for Natural Resources* are within the Department.

Sec. 7. NRS 232.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:
232.140 1. ~~Money~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section 4 of this act, money* to carry out the provisions of NRS 232.010 to 232.150, inclusive, *and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act*, and to support the Department and its various divisions and other units must be provided by direct legislative appropriation from the State General Fund.

2. All money so appropriated must be paid out on claims approved by the Director in the same manner as other claims against the State are paid.

Sec. 8. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Fund for Natural Resource Agencies, created by section 4 of this act, the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of



1 providing training or matching money for training pursuant to
2 section 4 of this act.

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

13 **Sec. 9.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

