SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18–COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Expresses support for vocational rehabilitation programs and services in this State. (BDR R-296)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for vocational rehabilitation programs and services in this State.

WHEREAS, Vocational rehabilitation programs and services are of great importance to persons with disabilities in this State, helping such individuals so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment and live more independently; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation has access to state and federal money to cover the costs of providing vocational rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The costs of providing such services can include, without limitation, costs for assessment, counseling, medical and psychological services, vocational and other training, job placement, transportation, assistance to persons who are blind and deaf, and other goods and services needed by persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, This money can also be used to assist families of persons with disabilities who are being provided vocational rehabilitation services and to benefit groups of such persons by the construction and establishment of community programs; and

WHEREAS, The Rehabilitation Services Administration of the United States Department of Education, which allocates Section 110 funding based on disability population demographics, allocated

$3,000,000 to the Rehabilitation Division that was not matched for Fiscal Year 2006, causing the loss of this money; and

WHEREAS, Preliminary estimates indicate that for the next fiscal year, Nevada will continue to send back federal money that could fund beneficial programs for which the need is critical; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby express their support for the use of state and federal money for the development of facilities, programs and other resources needed by persons with disabilities in this State to help them prepare for and engage in gainful employment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation is encouraged to continue to seek private contributions to make up the difference between current State General Fund expenditures and the total matching money needed to allow the Department to use the full allotment of federal money; and be it further

RESOLVED, That by using private and state money to provide a full match, and thereby maximizing the receipt of federal money, the Department will be able to provide vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, capabilities, interests and informed choice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation.

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