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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the value and importance of music and other arts education programs in the public schools and encouraging the expansion of those programs.

WHEREAS, The Education Commission of the States' report on The Arts in Education found that substantial arts education programs in the public schools provide significant benefits to pupils and to the community; and

WHEREAS, The provision of music and other arts education programs engages pupils, stimulates the school setting and improves the quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, The benefits of music and other arts education programs for pupils in the public schools include improved performance in reading and mathematics, improved performance on standardized tests, enhanced abilities for creative thinking, improved social skills and improved engagement and self-motivation; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that music has a positive effect on spatial-temporal reasoning, social and emotional development and behavioral objectives, and that even passive listening to music enhances cognitive development and brain function; and

WHEREAS, The positive effects of music and other arts education programs that emanate from the school environment expand to society in general because pupils learn skills in how to engage in positive and meaningful communication and interaction with others; and

WHEREAS, Nevada law requires arts education for all pupils in kindergarten through grade 6 and offers arts elective courses for pupils in grades 7 through 12; and



WHEREAS, The school districts in Nevada that provide substantial music and other arts education programs should be commended and encouraged to continue and expand such programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the importance of music and other arts education programs in the public schools and the need to encourage the development, enhancement and expansion of those programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the vital need for Nevada's public school pupils to be exposed to music and other arts education programs because the benefits to those pupils and to society in general is significant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the superintendent of each school district and the president of the board of trustees of each school district.

