

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6—SENATOR HORSFORD

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JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

**SUMMARY**—Urges Congress to reauthorize the State Children’s Health Insurance Program to assure federal funding for the Nevada Check Up program. (BDR R-1313)

**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.

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1        WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada regards the  
2 health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in  
3 our State, and considers protecting the health of our children  
4 essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality  
5 of life in Nevada; and

6        WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada regards poor  
7 health as a threat to the educational achievement and the social and  
8 psychological well-being of Nevada’s children; and

9        WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada considers the  
10 Nevada Check Up program, which has enrolled 28,775 uninsured  
11 children since its inception in 1998, to be an integral part of the  
12 health benefits for the children of this State; and

13      WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Nevada recognizes  
14 the value of the Nevada Check Up program in improving and  
15 preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood  
16 disease, and reducing overall health costs, and considers the federal  
17 funding available for the Nevada Check Up program to be



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1      indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest  
2      means; now, therefore, be it

3      RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
4      NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Legislature urges each member of the  
5      Nevada Congressional Delegation to ensure that the United States  
6      Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance  
7      Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for the Nevada Check  
8      Up program; and be it further

9      RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges the Governor to work  
10     with the Nevada Congressional Delegation to ensure that SCHIP is  
11     reauthorized in a timely manner; and be it further

12     RESOLVED, That the Legislature proclaims that all components  
13     of state government should work together with educators, health  
14     care providers, social workers and parents to ensure that all  
15     available public and private assistance for providing health benefits  
16     to uninsured children in this State be used to the maximum extent  
17     possible; and be it further

18     RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges the Governor to utilize all  
19     his resources to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and  
20     enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or the Nevada Check Up  
21     program; and be it further

22     RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
23     transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Nevada  
24     Congressional Delegation and to Governor Jim Gibbons; and be it  
25     further

26     RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
27     passage.

