

Amendment No. 1063

Senate Amendment to Senate Bill No. 331	(BDR S-318)
Proposed by: Senate Committee on Finance	
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

Adoption of this amendment will REMOVE all appropriations from S.B. 331.

ASSEMBLY ACTION			Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION			Initial and Date		
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold* is newly added transitory language.

WBD/BJE



Date: 5/30/2007

S.B. No. 331—Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for the support of research and other activities concerning energy. (BDR S-318)



SENATE BILL NO. 331—SENATOR COFFIN (BY REQUEST)

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes ~~an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for~~ **various changes concerning** the support of research and other activities concerning ~~energy~~ **solid waste**. (BDR ~~[S 319]~~ **40-318**)

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 natural resources; ~~[making an appropriation]~~ **revising provisions concerning the use of certain money in the Solid Waste Management Account; requiring the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to make grants** to the Nevada System of Higher Education for the ~~[construction and installation of a geothermal energy system, the establishment and operation of a laboratory for research concerning environmental sustainability, alternative energy and renewable resources and the]~~ support of research **and other activities** relating to the reduction , ~~[and]~~ **reclamation and conversion** of solid waste; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[This bill appropriates money]~~ Under existing law, the proceeds from: (1) civil penalties for violations of certain laws concerning the management and disposal of solid waste; (2) damages recovered from persons or municipalities that violate those laws; and (3) the \$1 recycling fee that is collected on each new tire sold are deposited in the Solid Waste Management Account. (NRS 444.596, 444.598, 444A.090) The money in the Account is then allocated among the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the various solid waste management authorities to be used for solid waste management and public education. (NRS 444.616) Under existing law, the Department is required to transfer a portion of the money it receives to the Division of Environmental Protection to use for public education. Section 1 of this bill authorizes the Division to use this money to support other activities that encourage the reduction of solid waste.

Under existing law, the Division is required to establish, sponsor, assist or otherwise conduct various programs and other activities that encourage the reduction of waste and litter. (NRS 444A.110) The Division conducts some of those activities on its own and others in conjunction with local governments, educational institutions and other state agencies. Section 2 of this bill expands the number of those activities to include making grants to the Nevada System of Higher Education for ~~the construction and installation~~

~~of a geothermal energy system at the Renewable Energy Center of the University of Nevada, Reno; (2) the establishment and operation of a research laboratory at the Redfield Campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, to conduct research concerning environmental sustainability, alternative energy and renewable resources; and (3) the support of research relating to the reduction, ~~land~~, reclamation and **conversion** of solid waste.~~

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

Delete existing sections 1 through 3 of this bill and replace with the following new sections 1 through 3:

Section 1. NRS 444.616 is hereby amended to read as follows:

444.616 1. The State Controller shall allocate and remit, on a quarterly basis, the money in the Solid Waste Management Account as follows:

(a) To the Department of Taxation, 0.5 percent.

(b) To the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 44.5 percent.

(c) To the district board of health of the health district which has the largest population in this State, 30 percent.

(d) To the district board of health of the health district which has the second largest population in this State, 25 percent.

➤ If more than two health districts are created within this State, the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall transfer to the district boards of health of those additional districts an amount determined by the Department to be necessary to carry out the health district's duties pursuant to NRS 444.440 to 444.620, inclusive. If less than two health districts are created within this State, the amount otherwise allocated to a health district must be allocated to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

2. The money allocated pursuant to subsection 1 to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the district boards of health must be used for solid waste management in accordance with NRS 444.440 to 444.620, inclusive.

3. The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall transfer to the Division of Environmental Protection of that Department a portion of the money it receives pursuant to this section it deems necessary for ~~use in educating the public concerning the objectives and functioning of the State's plan for solid waste management.~~ **the purposes set forth in NRS 444A.110.**

Sec. 2. NRS 444A.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

444A.110 1. The Division shall develop a program of public education to provide information, increase public awareness of the individual responsibility of properly disposing of solid waste and encouraging public participation in recycling, reuse and waste reduction. The program must be designed in accordance with the plans to provide for a solid waste management system approved pursuant to NRS 444.510 to communicate the importance of conserving natural resources, in addition to the importance of protecting public health and the environment. The program must include promotion of the private and public efforts to accomplish conservation, recovery and reuse.

2. The Division shall encourage the reduction of waste and litter by:

(a) Providing, upon request, advice to persons regarding techniques to reduce waste and general information on recycling.

(b) Establishing a computer database to process related information.

1 (c) Establishing a toll-free telephone line to assist in the dissemination of
2 information.

3 (d) Sponsoring or cosponsoring technical workshops and seminars on waste
4 reduction.

5 (e) Assisting local programs for the research and development of plans to
6 reduce waste.

7 (f) Coordinating the dissemination of publications on waste reduction,
8 regardless of the source of those publications.

9 (g) Assisting in the development and promotion of programs of continuing
10 education for educators and administrators to enable them to teach and encourage
11 methods of waste reduction.

12 (h) Developing an emblem to signify and advertise the efforts in Nevada to
13 encourage recycling.

14 (i) Recommending to educational institutions courses and curricula relating to
15 recycling and the reduction of waste.

16 (j) Assisting state agencies, upon request, to develop and carry out programs
17 for recycling within state buildings.

18 (k) Making grants to the Nevada System of Higher Education for the support
19 of research and development concerning the reduction, reclamation and
20 conversion of solid waste.

21 3. The Division shall coordinate the technical assistance available from the
22 various state agencies. The Administrator of the Division shall prepare and deliver
23 biennial reports to the Governor regarding the progress of the program.

24 4. The Division may award grants to municipalities, educational institutions
25 and nonprofit organizations for projects that enhance solid waste management
26 systems and promote the efficient use of resources. The Division shall consult a
27 solid waste management authority before awarding a grant for a project within the
28 jurisdiction of that solid waste management authority.

29 5. The State Environmental Commission shall adopt regulations governing
30 the administration of grants awarded pursuant to subsection 4.

31 6. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "Division"
32 means the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of
33 Conservation and Natural Resources.

34 **Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.**