
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 354—ASSEMBLYMEN GOEDHART; COBB,
GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, MCARTHUR, STEWART AND WOODBURY

MARCH 16, 2009

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR RHODS

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Requires the Director of the State Department of
Agriculture to appoint a person as a resource
management specialist in the Department.
(BDR 50-1027)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 agriculture; requiring the Director of the State
Department of Agriculture to appoint a person as a
resource management specialist in the Department; setting
forth the duties of the person appointed; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to
2 appoint persons to manage the various activities of the Department, including
3 activities relating to the livestock industry, the agricultural industry and natural
4 resources in Nevada. (NRS 561.205, 561.214, 561.218) This bill requires the
5 Director to appoint a person as a resource management specialist in the
6 Department. The person appointed is in the unclassified service of the State and
7 must be appointed on the basis of merit and have at least a master's degree in
8 agriculture or a related field specified by the Director. The duties of the person
9 appointed consist of managing all policy and regulatory matters of the Department
10 which affect the production of agriculture in Nevada and performing any other
11 duties assigned to him by the Director concerning the management of agricultural
12 resources in Nevada. This bill authorizes not more than one-half of the salary and
13 other expenses of the person appointed to be paid each year from private sources.



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

Section 1. Chapter 561 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Director shall appoint a person as a resource management specialist in the Department. The person is in the unclassified service of the State and must:

(a) Be appointed on the basis of merit; and

(b) Have at least a master's degree in agriculture or a related field specified by the Director.

2. The Director may remove the person from office with the approval of the Board.

3. A person appointed as a resource management specialist pursuant to subsection 1 shall:

(a) Manage all policy and regulatory matters of the Department which affect the production of agriculture in this State, including, without limitation, the use of water for agricultural purposes in this State; and

(b) Perform any other duties assigned to him by the Director concerning the management of agricultural resources in this State, including, without limitation, soil, vegetation and range conditions.

4. Each year, not more than one-half of the salary and other costs and expenses of the person appointed as a resource management specialist pursuant to subsection 1 may be paid from private sources.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

