

SENATE BILL NO. 143—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates a subcommittee of the Interim Finance Committee to oversee the use of money allocated to the State from the Federal Government to stimulate the economy. (BDR S-1034)

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.

AN ACT relating to state financial administration; creating a subcommittee of the Interim Finance Committee to oversee the use of money allocated to the State from the Federal Government to stimulate the economy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The United States Congress passed the “American Recovery and Reinvestment
2 Act of 2009” which includes allocations of money to states. **Section 1** of this bill
3 creates a subcommittee of the Interim Finance Committee to oversee the use of the
4 money allocated to this State. **Section 2** of this bill sets out the duties of the
5 subcommittee which includes considering proposals and plans for the use of
6 allocated funds to ensure that the use maximizes the goals of the State, examining
7 the possibility of participating in certain programs offered by the Federal
8 Government, monitoring spending for transportation and public works projects, and
9 ensuring that more and higher paying jobs are created. **Section 3** of this bill
10 requires the subcommittee to hold entities that receive federal funds accountable for
11 the appropriate and effective use of the money allocated to them and authorizes the
12 subcommittee to require the redirection of the use of money within a program if it
13 determines that the allocation is not being used in the most effective manner.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby created a subcommittee of the
2 Interim Finance Committee to oversee the use of funds allocated



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1 from money that is received by the State of Nevada from the Federal
2 Government pursuant to the "American Recovery and Reinvestment
3 Act of 2009" to stimulate the economy consisting of:

4 (a) Five members who are Senators, three of whom are
5 appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and two of whom
6 are appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

7 (b) Five members who are Assemblymen, three of whom are
8 appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and two of whom are
9 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

10 2. The members of the subcommittee shall select a Chairman
11 from one House of the Legislature and a Vice Chairman from the
12 other.

13 3. Vacancies on the subcommittee must be filled in the same
14 manner as original appointments.

15 **Sec. 2.** 1. The subcommittee shall consider proposals and
16 plans for the use of allocated funds described in section 1 of this act
17 to ensure that the use maximizes the goals of the State to improve
18 the state system of public education and the Nevada System of
19 Higher Education, to provide greater access to health insurance and
20 health care, to deliver social services in a more efficient manner, to
21 provide for more efficient use of energy and to create more jobs.

22 2. The subcommittee shall examine programs offered by the
23 Federal Government as part of the incentives made available to
24 states to stimulate the economy to determine whether it is beneficial
25 and feasible for the State of Nevada to participate in such programs.
26 Such programs may include, without limitation, a program to allow
27 recently unemployed persons to participate in Medicaid and
28 programs that provide for enhancements of other existing programs.

29 3. The subcommittee shall monitor the spending of allocated
30 funds for transportation projects and public works projects to ensure
31 that such projects provide for the maximum increase in job
32 opportunities made available in this State.

33 4. The subcommittee shall review the plans of state agencies
34 for spending allocated funds, including, without limitation, plans for
35 spending money designated for:

36 (a) The state system of public education and higher education;

37 (b) Medicaid;

38 (c) Mental health and developmental services;

39 (d) Child and family services;

40 (e) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; and

41 (f) Other services provided by State Government.

42 5. The subcommittee shall review grants that are proposed
43 under various federal programs, establish priorities for the use of
44 any money from such grants that is made available to the State and



1 ensure that any such money is distributed in an equitable manner
2 based on need.

3 6. The subcommittee shall review the proposed utilization of
4 the money received through grants from the Federal Government for
5 job training that is focused on energy efficiency and weatherization
6 of homes, schools and other public buildings to ensure that it creates
7 more and higher paying jobs in this State.

8 **Sec. 3.** 1. The subcommittee shall provide a manner of
9 holding each entity that receives an allocation of funds described in
10 section 1 of this act accountable for the appropriate and effective use
11 of the money. Each such entity shall report to the subcommittee at
12 such times and intervals as requested by the subcommittee
13 concerning the manner in which the money is used, the number of
14 jobs that are created as a result of the money, if applicable, other
15 improvements that result from the use of the money and such other
16 information as requested by the subcommittee.

17 2. If the subcommittee determines that money that has been
18 allocated is not being used in the most effective manner, the
19 subcommittee may require that the remaining money from the
20 allocation be redirected to a more effective use within the program
21 for which the money was allocated.

22 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval
23 and expires by limitation on June 30, 2011.

