

SENATE BILL NO. 143—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Creates the Legislative Committee for Federal Stimulus Oversight 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 the Legislative Committee for Federal Stimulus Oversight 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 the Legislative Committee for Federal Stimulus Oversight to oversee the  
4 use of the money allocated to this State. **Section 2** of this bill sets out the duties of  
5 the Committee which include 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 the Legislative  
2 Committee for Federal Stimulus Oversight to oversee the use of



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

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

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

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

14 3. Vacancies on the Committee must be filled in the same  
15 manner as original appointments.

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

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

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

35 4. The Committee shall review the plans of state agencies for  
36 spending allocated funds, including, without limitation, plans for  
37 spending money designated for:

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

39 (b) Medicaid;

40 (c) Mental health and developmental services;

41 (d) Child and family services;

42 (e) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families; and

43 (f) Other services provided by State Government.

44 5. The Committee shall review grants that are proposed under  
45 various federal programs, establish priorities for the use of any



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1 money from such grants that is made available to the State and  
2 ensure that any such money is distributed in an equitable manner  
3 based on need.

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

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

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

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

