

Senate Bill No. 146—Committee on Finance

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the Department of Wildlife; providing funding to the Department of Wildlife for certain projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The Legislature submitted to the voters of this State, and the voters approved, at the general election held on November 5, 2002, a proposal to issue general obligation bonds of the State to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of this State in an amount not to exceed \$200,000,000. Of this amount, \$27,500,000 was allocated to the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (Chapter 6, Statutes of Nevada 2001, 17th Special Session, p. 104) This bill requires that \$225,000 be allocated to the Department of Wildlife for a coordinator and related costs to ensure that local, state and federal entities work together to: (1) protect and restore sagebrush habitats; (2) restore areas damaged by wildfires; (3) prevent wildfires; or (4) reduce cheatgrass.

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 6, Statutes of Nevada 2001, 17th Special Session, from the Fund to Protect Natural Resources, administered by the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources pursuant to subsection 5 of section 3 of that act, the sum of \$225,000 must be allocated to the Department of Wildlife to create and fund a position for a coordinator and related costs to ensure local, state and federal entities are working together to:

1. Protect and restore sagebrush habitats.
2. Restore areas damaged by wildfires.
3. Prevent wildfires.
4. Reduce cheatgrass.

Sec. 2. Any remaining balance of the allocation made by section 1 of this act not committed for expenditure by June 30, 2011, must be reverted to the Fund to Protect Natural Resources.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

