

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 73—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF WELFARE
AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES)

PREFILED DECEMBER 20, 2014

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing programs of energy assistance. (BDR 58-336)

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 energy assistance; revising various provisions relating to the Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services is required annually to report to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means concerning the amount of money in the Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation which has been allocated to the Division during all preceding fiscal years and remains unspent and unencumbered. Based upon the report, the Division may be required to distribute as much as 30 percent of that money to the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, to be used for programs of energy conservation, weatherization and energy efficiency. (NRS 702.270, 702.275)

Section 1 of this bill changes the due date of the report from the end of each fiscal year to January 5 of each year. **Section 1** also limits the amount of money subject to distribution to the Housing Division to not more than 30 percent of the amount which has been allocated to and received by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, and remains unspent and unencumbered as of December 31 of the current fiscal year. Pursuant to NRS 218D.380, **section 2** of this bill provides that the foregoing amendment expires by limitation 5 years after it becomes effective.



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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 702.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 702.275 1. ~~{Before the end of each fiscal}~~ *On or before*
3 *January 5 of each* year, the Division of Welfare and Supportive
4 Services shall submit a report to the Director of the Legislative
5 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Senate Standing Committee
6 on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and
7 Means during a regular or special session of the Legislature, or the
8 Interim Finance Committee when the Legislature is not in session,
9 which specifies the amount of all money in the Fund which
10 was allocated to *and received by* the Division of Welfare and
11 Supportive Services during all preceding fiscal years pursuant to
12 NRS 702.260 and which remains unspent and unencumbered ~~{}~~ *as*
13 *of December 31 of the current fiscal year.*

14 2. Based upon the report submitted pursuant to subsection 1
15 and any other information available, the Senate Standing Committee
16 on Finance or the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and
17 Means during a regular or special session of the Legislature, or the
18 Interim Finance Committee when the Legislature is not in session,
19 may require the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to
20 distribute not more than 30 percent of all the money in the Fund
21 which was allocated to *and received by* the Division of Welfare and
22 Supportive Services during all preceding fiscal years pursuant to
23 NRS 702.260 and which remains unspent and unencumbered *as of*
24 *December 31 of the current fiscal year* to the Housing Division for
25 the programs authorized by NRS 702.270. The Housing Division
26 may use not more than 6 percent of the money distributed pursuant
27 to this section for its administrative expenses.

28 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015, and expires
29 by limitation on June 30, 2020.

