

SENATE BILL NO. 414—SENATOR SETTELMAYER

MARCH 17, 2015

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Encourages the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the State of California to authorize waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-993)

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 education; encouraging the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the State of California to authorize waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to
- 2 enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state for the granting of full or partial
- 3 waivers of nonresident tuition to residents of the other state who are students at or
- 4 are eligible for admission to any branch of the Nevada System of Higher Education
- 5 if the other state grants reciprocal waivers to residents of Nevada. (NRS 396.543)
- 6 This bill encourages the Board of Regents to enter into such an agreement with the
- 7 State of California to authorize waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of
- 8 Nevada and California in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares:
- 2 1. Lake Tahoe Community College in South Lake Tahoe,
- 3 California, is in a unique location where residents of certain
- 4 communities located in the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin



1 reside in closer proximity to the Community College than to any  
2 branch of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

3 2. Western Nevada College in Carson City, Nevada, is in a  
4 unique location where residents of certain communities located in  
5 the California portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin reside in closer  
6 proximity to the College than to a school in the system of California  
7 Community Colleges.

8 3. The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada has  
9 authority pursuant to NRS 396.543 to enter into a reciprocal  
10 agreement with the State of California to grant waivers of  
11 nonresident tuition for:

12 (a) Residents of communities located in the Nevada portion of  
13 the Lake Tahoe Basin to attend Lake Tahoe Community College;  
14 and

15 (b) Residents of communities located in the California portion  
16 of the Lake Tahoe Basin to attend Western Nevada College.

17 4. Such a reciprocal agreement would provide economic and  
18 educational benefits to citizens of this State.

19 5. The Legislature of the State of California is considering the  
20 passage of Senate Bill No. 605 of the 2015-2016 Regular Session,  
21 which authorizes waivers of nonresident tuition to residents of  
22 certain communities located in the Nevada portion of the Lake  
23 Tahoe Basin if the Nevada Legislature enacts legislation authorizing  
24 reciprocal waivers of nonresident tuition to certain residents of the  
25 California portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

26 **Sec. 2.** The Nevada Legislature hereby encourages the Board  
27 of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into a reciprocal  
28 agreement with the State of California to authorize waivers of  
29 nonresident tuition to residents of Nevada and California in the Lake  
30 Tahoe Basin that reasonably conforms to the provisions of Senate  
31 Bill No. 605 of the 2015-2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of  
32 the State of California.

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

