

SENATE BILL NO. 423—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation for the awarding of grants to support certain cloud seeding operations. (BDR S-483)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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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 modification of weather; making an appropriation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the awarding of grants to support certain cloud seeding operations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill makes an appropriation of \$500,000 to the State Department of
- 2 Conservation and Natural Resources to award grants to support cloud seeding
- 3 operations which are intended to increase the supply of water in Nevada.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
- 2 General Fund to the State Department of Conservation and Natural
- 3 Resources the sum of \$500,000 to be used by the Department to
- 4 award grants to support cloud seeding operations which are intended
- 5 to increase the supply of water in Nevada.
- 6 2. The recipient of any grant awarded pursuant to subsection 1:



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1 (a) Must be an agency of this State or any business entity or
2 other group of persons with the necessary equipment, experience
3 and ability to conduct successful cloud seeding operations; and

4 (b) May be licensed pursuant to NRS 544.140.

5 3. In awarding a grant pursuant to subsection 1, the Department
6 shall give preference to an applicant who offers any matching funds.

7 **Sec. 2.** The State Department of Conservation and Natural
8 Resources shall, on or before January 1, 2017, submit to the
9 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
10 Legislature, a report concerning any grants awarded pursuant to this
11 section, including, without limitation, the amount of money granted
12 and the results, if any, of those grants.

13 **Sec. 3.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
14 section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after
15 June 30, 2017, by the State Department of Conservation and Natural
16 Resources or any entity to which money from the appropriation is
17 granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of
18 the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any
19 purpose after September 15, 2017, by either the State Department of
20 Conservation and Natural Resources or the entity to which the
21 money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be
22 reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 15, 2017.

23 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

