

SENATE BILL NO. 553—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JUNE 1, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Authorizes and provides funding for the advance planning of the College of Engineering, Academic and Research Building and to complete planning and begin construction of a new building for the Medical School at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (BDR S-1244)

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 projects of capital improvement; authorizing and providing funding for the advance planning of the College of Engineering, Academic and Research Building and to complete planning and begin construction of a new building for the Medical School at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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 Public Works Division of the Department  
3 of Administration the sum of \$1,750,000 to support the Division in  
4 carrying out the project numbered or otherwise described as Project  
5 17-P09, Advance Planning UNLV College of Engineering,  
6 Academic and Research Building.  
7     2. Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by  
8 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
9 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
10 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
11 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated



1 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
2 September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was  
3 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
4 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
5 Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

6 **Sec. 1.5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
7 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the  
8 State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration  
9 the sum of \$25,000,000 to support the Division in carrying out the  
10 project numbered or otherwise described as Project 17-C15,  
11 Complete Planning and Begin Construction of a New Medical  
12 School Building, UNLV.

13 2. Money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1 may be  
14 allocated to the State Public Works Division upon the determination  
15 of the Interim Finance Committee that the money authorized to be  
16 expended for Project 17-C15 in section 3 of this act has been  
17 received.

18 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
19 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
20 2021, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
21 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
22 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
23 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
24 September 17, 2021, by either the entity to which the money was  
25 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
26 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
27 Fund on or before September 17, 2021.

28 **Sec. 2.** 1. Expenditure of the following sums not  
29 appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway  
30 Fund is hereby authorized for the following project numbered or  
31 otherwise described as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advance Planning UNLV College of Engineering, Academic and Research Building.....	17-P09	\$1,750,000
Complete Planning and Begin Construction of a New Medical School Building, UNLV .....	17-C15	\$25,000,000

43 2. The State Public Works Division of the Department of  
44 Administration shall not execute a contract for construction of a  
45 project listed in subsection 1 until the Division has determined that



1 the funding authorized in subsection 1 for the project has been  
2 received and is available for expenditure for the project.

3 **Sec. 3.** The State Public Works Division of the Department of  
4 Administration shall carry out the provisions of this act as provided  
5 in chapter 341 of NRS. The Division shall ensure that qualified  
6 persons are employed to accomplish the authorized work. Every  
7 contract pertaining to the work must be approved by the Attorney  
8 General.

9 **Sec. 4.** All state and local governmental agencies involved in  
10 the design and construction of the projects enumerated in this act  
11 shall cooperate with the State Public Works Division of the  
12 Department of Administration to expedite completion of the project.

13 **Sec. 4.3.** The State Controller shall transfer from the Account  
14 to Stabilize the Operation of the State Government created by NRS  
15 353.288 to the State General Fund the sum of \$25,000,000 for the  
16 purpose of the appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee  
17 pursuant to section 2 of this act.

18 **Sec. 4.5.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the amounts  
19 authorized for the projects numbered or otherwise described in  
20 section 3 of this act must be expended before the amounts  
21 appropriated for those projects.

22 **Sec. 4.7.** The Nevada System of Higher Education and the  
23 State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration  
24 shall report to the Interim Finance Committee on a biannual basis  
25 within 30 days after each reporting period, with the first reporting  
26 period to cover the period between July 1, 2017, and December 31,  
27 2017, on the status of the project numbered or otherwise described  
28 as Project 17-C15, Complete Planning and Begin Construction of a  
29 New Medical School Building, UNLV, including, without  
30 limitation:

31 1. Final determination on the size and location of the new  
32 building;

33 2. An update on the timeline for completion of construction of  
34 the new building;

35 3. A detailed plan for how funding in excess of the amounts  
36 authorized in section 3 of this act will be secured to complete  
37 construction of the new building;

38 4. Progress made on construction of the new building; and

39 5. An update on fundraising efforts for the project.

40 **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

