

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—SENATORS HARDY, HANSEN,
BUCK; GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, KIECKHEFER, PICKARD,
SEEVERS GANSERT AND SETTELMAYER

MARCH 9, 2021

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Urges the Legislature, Governor and community organizations to work together to resolve various issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic. (BDR R-958)

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.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Legislature, the Governor and community organizations to work together to resolve various issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, The rapid spread of COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, and a national emergency by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Governor issued a Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 on March 12, 2020, and has since issued a series of emergency directives to address matters related to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature convened for the 31st Special Session on July 8, 2020, and for the 32nd Special Session on July 31, 2020, to address matters related to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Community organizations in this State have contributed and continue to contribute to the efforts to address issues related to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In an emergency directive issued on February 17, 2021, the Governor authorized schools to increase



1 occupancy for in-person instruction, subject to the conditions set
2 forth in that directive and any applicable subsequent directives; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada State Immunization Program, which is
4 operated by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the
5 Department of Health and Human Services, is working with local
6 health departments, hospitals and clinics to distribute vaccines for
7 COVID-19; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Employment, Training and
9 Rehabilitation provides services for unemployed persons and other
10 assistance critical to addressing the issues caused by COVID-19;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in the State of Nevada
13 increased to 29.5 percent in April 2020, and remained at 8.2 percent
14 in December 2020; and

15 WHEREAS, The Governor issued an emergency directive on
16 April 1, 2020, that authorized providers of certain medical services
17 who do not hold a credential in this State but hold a credential in
18 another jurisdiction to practice within the scope of that credential in
19 this State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
21 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 81st Session of the
22 Nevada Legislature urge the Legislature, the Governor and
23 community organizations in this State to continue to work together
24 to resolve issues caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including,
25 without limitation:

26 1. Opening the schools in this State to full capacity as soon as
27 possible so that pupils may receive instruction in person;

28 2. Increasing the distribution of vaccines for COVID-19,
29 including, without limitation, through religious and faith-based
30 organizations and other community organizations;

31 3. Improving the systems used by the Department of
32 Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to provide services related
33 to unemployment and other services offered by the Department;

34 4. Decreasing the unemployment rate in this State; and

35 5. Creating permanent mechanisms to allow providers of health
36 care who do not hold credentials in this State but hold credentials in
37 another jurisdiction to provide services to residents of this State for
38 the purpose of increasing access to health care; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
40 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of
41 Nevada; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
43 passage.

