

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—SENATOR LANGE

MAY 11, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Urges the expansion of comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs and directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to conduct a study concerning such programs. (BDR R-1025)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of
2 the United States Department of Health and Human Services has
3 stated that cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the
4 United States; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
6 Prevention, approximately 20.1 million people have been diagnosed
7 with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and are at risk of a
8 cardiovascular event; and

9 WHEREAS, The Mayo Clinic has stated that atherosclerotic
10 cardiovascular disease is linked to cholesterol accumulating in the
11 arteries and the risk of associated cardiovascular events may be
12 reduced by lowering low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; and

13 WHEREAS, According to a report from the American Heart
14 Association, in 2016, nearly 68 million adults in the United States
15 had a high level of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; and

16 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has
17 reported that 47 million people in the United States are currently
18 receiving medication to lower their level of low-density lipoprotein
19 cholesterol and thereby manage their risk of a cardiovascular event;
20 and



1 WHEREAS, Data from the National Health and Nutrition
2 Examination Survey in 2011-2012 provides that only approximately
3 20 percent of people with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
4 who are taking statins, a leading therapy to lower low-density
5 lipoprotein cholesterol, are successfully reducing their level of low-
6 density lipoprotein cholesterol to a healthy level; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the American Heart Association, the
8 total direct and indirect cost of atherosclerotic cardiovascular
9 disease in the United States was \$555 billion in 2016 and is
10 projected to reach \$1.1 trillion by 2035; and

11 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has
12 stated that health care professionals in Nevada have diagnosed 8
13 percent of adults in this State with a symptom of atherosclerotic
14 cardiovascular disease, including, without limitation, an angina,
15 stroke, heart attack or coronary heart disease; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
17 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 82nd Session of
18 the Nevada Legislature urge state agencies to expand
19 comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs to allow for
20 earlier identification of patients at risk of cardiovascular events; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the members of the 82nd Session of the
23 Nevada Legislature urge state agencies to explore ways to
24 collaborate with federal agencies and national organizations to
25 establish or expand comprehensive cardiovascular screening
26 programs; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the members of the 82nd Session of the
28 Nevada Legislature urge state agencies to evaluate programs to
29 improve cardiovascular health which are operating in this State for
30 the purpose of accelerating improvements in the care rendered to
31 patients at risk of cardiovascular events such that improvements in
32 screening, treatment, monitoring and health outcomes are achieved;
33 and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the members of the 82nd Session of the
35 Nevada Legislature urge the development of policies to reduce the
36 number of Americans who die as a result of atherosclerotic
37 cardiovascular disease; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the members of the 82nd Session of the
39 Nevada Legislature direct the Joint Interim Standing Committee on
40 Health and Human Services to conduct a study during the
41 2023-2024 interim concerning cardiovascular screening programs
42 that are currently operating in this State and ways for state agencies
43 to collaborate with federal agencies and private organizations in the
44 evaluation and expansion of such programs; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That, pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 218E.330,
2 the Committee shall submit a report of the study and any
3 recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative
4 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Nevada
5 Legislature; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
7 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
8 States, the Vice President of the United States, members of the
9 United States House of Representatives and United States Senate
10 and other federal and state government officials and agencies as
11 appropriate; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
13 adoption.

