

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 and certain other matters relating to cardiovascular disease. (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



cholesterol and thereby manage their risk of a cardiovascular event;  
and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the members of the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature direct the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to conduct a study during the 2023-2024 interim concerning cardiovascular screening programs that are currently operating in this State, ways for state agencies to collaborate with federal agencies and private organizations in the



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1 evaluation and expansion of such programs and other matters  
2 relating to cardiovascular disease; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the study must include a review of the Get  
4 With The Guidelines program of the American Heart Association,  
5 the degree to which the program has been adopted by health  
6 facilities in this State and the success of the program where adopted  
7 by health facilities in this State; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the study must consider the provision of  
9 reimbursement under the Medicaid program for the remote  
10 monitoring of cardiovascular health; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the study must include a review of the  
12 implementation of Complete Streets Programs pursuant to NRS  
13 403.575 and the identification of gaps in reforms to zoning laws in  
14 order to promote zoning that is more conducive to good  
15 cardiovascular health; and be it further

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

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
22 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United  
23 States, the Vice President of the United States, members of the  
24 United States House of Representatives and United States Senate  
25 and other federal and state government officials and agencies as  
26 appropriate; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
28 adoption.

