## ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6– ASSEMBLYMEN ELLISON AND OSCARSON

## MARCH 20, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning increases in salary and benefits of state employees. (BDR R-44)

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning increases in the salary and benefits of state employees.

WHEREAS, The delivery of essential governmental services to the people of this State is dependent on the men and women employed by the State; and

WHEREAS, During the Great Recession, state employees were required to take furloughs, reductions in pay, loss of merit and longevity pay and other reductions in benefits; and

WHEREAS, State employees who first entered state service during and after the Great Recession receive certain benefits on less favorable terms than state employees who were hired during earlier, more favorable times for this State; and

WHEREAS, This State makes a significant investment in the recruitment and training of state employees; and

WHEREAS, The departure from state service of experienced and trained state employees not only interrupts the delivery of essential governmental services to the people of this State, but also imposes costs to recruit and train their successors; and

WHEREAS, The payment of adequate salaries and benefits is necessary to attract, recruit and retain an effective workforce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint a committee composed of three members of the



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Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be appointed by the Legislative Commission as Chair of the committee, to conduct an interim study of the desirability and feasibility of increasing the salary and benefits of state employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in performing the study, the committee shall, without limitation:

- 1. Compare the current salaries and benefits of persons with similar qualifications who are employed by the State of Nevada with other public employers and in the private sector;
- 2. Determine the minimum salary and benefits required to attract and retain experienced and competent persons; and
- 3. Consider the elimination or reduction of the disparity between certain benefits received by state employees who first entered state service during and after the Great Recession and the benefits received by state employees who entered state service earlier; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of the results of the study and any recommended legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Administrator of the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration, the Chair of the Public Employees' Retirement Board and the Chair of the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program.





