

SENATE BILL NO. 287—SENATORS D. HARRIS, DONATE, BROOKS;  
DONDERO LOOP, OHRENSCHALL AND SPEARMAN

MARCH 22, 2021

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to higher education.  
(BDR 34-933)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 education; requiring the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education to develop a plan to manage the assets and resources of the state land grant institutions; designating certain institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education as the state land grant institutions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Section 8 of Article 11 of the Nevada Constitution designates certain proceeds  
2 from public lands to be used for certain colleges in this State. **Section 6** of this bill  
3 designates the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the University of Nevada, Reno,  
4 and the Desert Research Institute as the state land grant institutions. **Section 3** of  
5 this bill provides that the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education  
6 shall develop a plan to manage the assets and resources of the state land grant  
7 institutions.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
4 thereto a new section to read as follows:

5 ***1. The Chancellor shall develop a plan to manage the assets***  
6 ***and resources held by or afforded to the state land grant***



1 *institutions designated pursuant to section 6 of this act. The plan*  
2 *may be based in whole or in part on agreements negotiated and*  
3 *reached among the land grant institutions. The Chancellor may*  
4 *establish one or more advisory or technical committees and*  
5 *employ any staff, including, without limitation, consultants,*  
6 *necessary to assist the Chancellor in performing his or her duties*  
7 *pursuant to this section.*

8 *2. After receiving approval of the plan by the Board of*  
9 *Regents, the Chancellor shall submit the plan to the Governor and*  
10 *the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.*

11 *3. If the Chancellor establishes an advisory or technical*  
12 *committee pursuant to subsection 1, the membership of the*  
13 *committee must include the primary administrators of the*  
14 *Agricultural Extension Department and the Agricultural*  
15 *Experiment Station.*

16 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

17 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

18 **Sec. 6.** Chapter 549 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
19 thereto a new section to read as follows:

20 *The state land grant institutions of the University of Nevada*  
21 *are the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the University of Nevada,*  
22 *Reno, and the Desert Research Institute.*

23 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)

24 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)

25 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

26 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

27 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

28 **Sec. 11.3.** The Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher  
29 Education shall first submit the plan to manage the assets and  
30 resources held by or afforded to the state land grant institutions  
31 developed pursuant to section 3 of this act to the Governor and the  
32 Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau on or before February 1,  
33 2023.

34 **Sec. 11.7.** The provisions of section 3 of this act do not affect  
35 any appropriations to the Agricultural Extension Department or the  
36 Agricultural Experiment Station of the Public Service Division of  
37 the Nevada System of Higher Education as they exist on July 1,  
38 2021.

39 **Sec. 12.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

