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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 Directors of certain departments within the Nevada System of Higher Education to conduct all business and manage all funds of their respective departments; 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 3.3** of
5 this bill requires the Director of the Agricultural Extension Department of the
6 Public Service Division of the Nevada System of Higher Education to conduct all
7 business of the Department and administer all funds of the Department. **Sections**
8 **3.5 and 3.7** of this bill impose similar requirements on the Agricultural Experiment
9 Station of the Public Service Division of the System.

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.** (Deleted by amendment.)



1 **Sec. 3.3.** NRS 396.690 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 396.690 **1.** The assent of the State of Nevada by its
3 Legislature is hereby given to the provisions and requirements of an
4 Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for cooperative
5 extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several
6 States receiving the benefits of an Act of Congress approved
7 July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of Acts
8 supplementary thereto, and the United States Department of
9 Agriculture," approved May 8, 1914 (c. 79, 38 Stat. 372), and any
10 acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. The Board of
11 Regents is hereby authorized and empowered to receive the grants
12 of money appropriated under such federal acts, and to organize and
13 conduct agricultural extension work which must be carried on in
14 connection with the College of Agriculture of the System, in
15 accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in such Acts of
16 Congress.

17 **2.** *The Director of the Agricultural Extension Department of*
18 *the Public Service Division of the System shall conduct all*
19 *business of the Agricultural Extension Department and administer*
20 *all funds of the Agricultural Extension Department, including,*
21 *without limitation, in each county that has entered into an*
22 *agreement with or participates in a program of the Agricultural*
23 *Extension Department.*

24 **Sec. 3.5.** NRS 396.750 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 396.750 The Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the
26 appropriate officer of the System shall appoint a qualified person to
27 ~~conduct~~ *serve as Director of* the Agricultural Experiment Station
28 *of the Public Service Division of the System* and grant him or her
29 such assistants as it deems necessary. *The Director shall conduct*
30 *all business of the Agricultural Experiment Station and administer*
31 *all funds of the Agricultural Experiment Station.*

32 **Sec. 3.7.** NRS 396.790 is hereby amended to read as follows:

33 396.790 **1.** The Director of the Nevada Agricultural
34 Experiment Station of the System, with the approval of the Board of
35 Regents, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into cooperative
36 agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture under
37 the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for
38 further research into basic laws and principles relating to agriculture
39 and to improve and facilitate the marketing and distribution of
40 agricultural products," approved August 14, 1946 (c. 966, 60 Stat.
41 1082; 7 U.S.C. § 427).

42 **2.** The Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station Fund is hereby
43 created ~~H~~ *and must be administered by the Director of the*
44 *Agricultural Experiment Station.* Support for the Fund must be
45 provided by legislative appropriation from the State General Fund.



1 3. All claims against the Nevada Agricultural Experiment
2 Station Fund must be certified by the Director of the Nevada
3 Agricultural Experiment Station, approved by the Board of Regents
4 and the State Board of Examiners and when so certified and
5 approved, the State Controller is authorized to draw his or her
6 warrants in payment of the claim, and the State Treasurer is
7 authorized to pay the claim.

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

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

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

12 *The state land grant institutions of the University of Nevada*
13 *are the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the University of Nevada,*
14 *Reno, and the Desert Research Institute.*

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

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

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

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

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

20 **Sec. 11.3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

21 **Sec. 11.7.** The provisions of this act do not affect any
22 appropriations to or expenditures by the Agricultural Extension
23 Department or the Agricultural Experiment Station of the Public
24 Service Division of the Nevada System of Higher Education as they
25 exist on July 1, 2021.

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



