

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6—
SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

MARCH 16, 2021

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Expresses support for expanding the testing capacity for COVID-19 in Nevada through the use of pooled saliva testing. (BDR R-869)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for expanding the testing capacity for COVID-19 in Nevada through the use of pooled saliva testing.

1 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause
2 hospitalizations, deaths and other hardships throughout the United
3 States and the State of Nevada; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, limited testing
5 capacity in the United States and Nevada has hindered access to
6 testing and the return of actionable results; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States as of March 5, 2021, according
8 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United
9 States Department of Health and Human Services, there had been
10 over 28 million cases of COVID-19, including over 500,000 cases
11 resulting in death; and

12 WHEREAS, In Clark County as of March 5, 2021, according to
13 the Southern Nevada Health District, there had been 228,083 cases
14 of COVID-19, including 13,487 cases resulting in hospitalization
15 and 3,918 cases resulting in death; and

16 WHEREAS, In the United States as of March 5, 2021, according
17 to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 16.7 percent
18 of the population had received at least one dose of a COVID-19
19 vaccine; and

20 WHEREAS, Expanding the testing capacity in Nevada is integral
21 to managing the further spread of COVID-19; and



1 WHEREAS, A study by researchers at Yale University has shown
2 that the pooling of saliva samples can save resources and increase
3 the testing capacity for COVID-19; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
5 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the State of Nevada will continue to
6 pursue the most effective methods for testing and tracking the
7 spread of COVID-19; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature
9 hereby urges the Department of Health and Human Services, the
10 Washoe County Health District and the Southern Nevada Health
11 District to:

12 1. Expand testing capacity in Nevada through the use of pooled
13 saliva testing, which has proven to be effective in studies; and

14 2. Continue to explore ways in which the testing capacity for
15 COVID-19 in Nevada may be sustainably increased to control
16 further outbreaks of COVID-19; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
18 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the Director of
19 the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the Director of the Department of
20 Health and Human Services, the Chair of the Board of Health of the
21 Washoe County Health District and the Chair of the Board of Health
22 of the Southern Nevada Health District; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
24 adoption.

