
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1—
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

JULY 14, 2020

Read and Passed

SUMMARY—Urges the President and Congress of the United States to provide flexible funding for state, local and tribal governments to account for anticipated public budget shortfalls as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. (BDR R-18)

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

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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 rapid spread of the novel coronavirus disease
2 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the
3 World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, and a national
4 emergency by President Donald J. Trump on March 13, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, State, local and tribal governments have been on the
6 front lines of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, taking
7 decisive and dramatic actions, including ordering the closure of
8 nonessential businesses and issuing stay-at-home orders, in an effort
9 to comply with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human
11 Services and protect the health and welfare of their citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, As the result of these momentous actions to combat
13 the COVID-19 pandemic, state, local and tribal governments, many
14 of which were flourishing economically before the outbreak of
15 COVID-19, now face economic and fiscal crises of unprecedented
16 proportions; and



1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State
2 of Nevada, rapidly took action to combat the COVID-19 pandemic
3 in the State of Nevada, issuing a series of Emergency Directives
4 which, among other things, directed Nevadans to stay at home and
5 provided for the closure of schools, casinos and gaming
6 establishments and nonessential businesses; and

7 WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in the State of Nevada,
8 which stood at a historically low 3.6 percent in February 2020,
9 increased in just two months to 30.1 percent in April 2020, which is
10 the highest level ever reported by a state in modern history; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Nevada's General Fund now faces an
12 estimated shortfall of approximately \$1.2 billion in Fiscal Year
13 2020-21; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Nevada and local and tribal governments
15 in this State will be forced, just as other state, local and tribal
16 governments in similar positions will be forced, to implement deep
17 cuts in services and programs, many of which affect persons most
18 impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, unless federal relief is
19 granted; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
21 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 31st Special Session of
22 the Nevada Legislature hereby urge President Donald J. Trump and
23 the Congress of the United States of America to provide further
24 flexible funding for state, local and tribal governments to assist with
25 anticipated public budget shortfalls as a result of the COVID-19
26 pandemic; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
28 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
29 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
30 officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
31 and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it
32 further

33 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
34 passage.

