

A.B. 333

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 333—ASSEMBLYMEN ARBERRY, CHOWNING,
PARKS, HORNE, KOIVISTO, ANDERSON, ATKINSON,
CLABORN, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, HARDY, MABEY,
MANENDO, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON,
OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PERKINS AND WILLIAMS

MARCH 14, 2003

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Makes appropriations to University of Nevada
School of Medicine to conduct study to determine
whether there is sufficient demand for heart
transplant facility in Southern Nevada. (BDR S-44)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included
in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT making an appropriation to the University of Nevada
School of Medicine for expenses relating to a study to
determine whether there is sufficient demand for a heart
transplant facility in Southern Nevada; making an
appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee for
allocation to the University of Nevada School of
Medicine for the establishment and operation of the heart
transplant facility that is contingent upon the results of the
study; and providing other matters properly relating
thereto.

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

1 **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
2 General Fund to the University of Nevada School of Medicine the
3 sum of \$250,000 for expenses relating to a study to determine
4 whether there is sufficient demand for a heart transplant facility in
5 Southern Nevada.



1 2. The University of Nevada School of Medicine shall conduct
2 the study, which must include, without limitation:
3 (a) A determination of whether there is a legitimate need for a
4 heart transplant facility in Southern Nevada, based on research
5 relating to the number of patients that need heart transplants
6 annually and the number of Nevadans who had to travel to other
7 states to obtain their transplants;
8 (b) The number of patients in Nevada currently in need of a
9 heart transplant;
10 (c) An examination of the requirements for a heart transplant
11 facility set forth by the United Network for Organ Sharing, which is
12 the certifying organization for transplant facilities;
13 (d) A survey of private entities that have expressed an interest in
14 investing in such a facility and an analysis of the possibility of a
15 joint venture between the University of Nevada School of Medicine
16 and private surgeons and investors; and
17 (e) The costs involved in establishing and operating a heart
18 transplant facility for the first 2 years.
19 3. The University of Nevada School of Medicine must report
20 the results of the study to the Interim Finance Committee for its
21 approval before proceeding with the construction or staffing of such
22 a facility.
23 4. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
24 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
25 2005, and reverts to the State General Fund as soon as all payments
26 of money committed have been made.
27 **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
28 General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of
29 \$19,750,000 for allocation to the University of Nevada School of
30 Medicine for the establishment and operation of a heart transplant
31 facility in Southern Nevada.
32 2. After considering the results of the study performed pursuant
33 to section 1 of this act, the Interim Finance Committee shall
34 determine whether to allocate all or any portion of the money
35 appropriated by subsection 1 on the basis of the need for the facility
36 established by the study.
37 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by
38 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,
39 2007, and reverts to the State General Fund as soon as all payments
40 of money committed have been made.
41 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.

