SENATE BILL NO. 336-SENATOR HARDY

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Requires State Engineer to quantify certain water rights and provide certain notices concerning those water rights. (BDR S-848)

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 water; requiring the State Engineer to quantify in acre-feet certain water rights, give certain persons notice concerning those water rights and file a notice concerning those water rights with the office of the county recorder of the county in which the water is appropriated; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

- **Section 1.** 1. On or before June 30, 2005, the State Engineer shall quantify in acre-feet the amount of water that has been beneficially used for the purpose set forth in the certificate of appropriation for each certificate of appropriation which:
 - (a) Is issued pursuant to NRS 533.425 to appropriate water:
 - (1) In a county whose population is 400,000 or more; and
- (2) From a basin for which the State Engineer keeps pumping records; and
- (b) Expresses the amount of appropriation only in terms of cubic feet per second.
- 2. The State Engineer shall notify each owner of a water right described in subsection 1, as determined in the records of the Office of the State Engineer, by registered or certified mail:



(a) That the water right has been quantified as required by subsection 1; and

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- (b) Of the amount of water that the State Engineer has determined was beneficially used for the purpose set forth in the certificate of appropriation.
- 3. The State Engineer shall file a notice with the office of the county recorder of the county in which water is appropriated pursuant to a certificate of appropriation described in subsection 1. The notice must contain the information required to be included in the notice given to the owner of the water right pursuant to subsection 2.
- Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003, and expires by limitation on July 1, 2005.



