

SENATE BILL NO. 149—SENATOR LEE

MARCH 1, 2005

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Education

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning Board of Regents of University of Nevada. (BDR 34-774)

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 the University and Community College System of Nevada; providing for a salary for members of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada for attending meetings; making various changes regarding accounts established for members of the Board of Regents to pay for certain hosting expenditures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

- 1 Existing law provides that members of the Board of Regents of the University
- 2 of Nevada serve without compensation. (NRS 396.070)
- 3 This bill entitles each member of the Board of Regents to receive a salary of
- 4 \$80 for each meeting of the Board that he attends.
- 5 This bill also establishes certain requirements governing the establishment and
- 6 use of an account for use by a member of the Board of Regents to pay for hosting
- 7 expenditures of the member to promote the University and Community College
- 8 System of Nevada.

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

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 396.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 396.070 1. ~~[A]~~ *Each* member of the Board of Regents is
- 3 ~~[not]~~ entitled to receive ~~[any compensation for his services.]~~ *a*
- 4 *salary of \$80 for each meeting of the Board that he attends.*



1 2. Each member of the Board of Regents is entitled to receive
2 in attending meetings of the Board, or while on Board of Regents'
3 business within the State:

4 (a) A per diem expense allowance not to exceed the greater of:

5 (1) The rate of \$60; or

6 (2) The maximum rate established by the Federal
7 Government for the locality in which the travel is performed.

8 (b) A travel allowance computed at the rate provided for state
9 officers and employees generally in subsection 3 of NRS 281.160.

10 **3. *If an account is established for a member of the Board of***
11 ***Regents to pay for hosting expenditures of the member:***

12 (a) *The annual expenditures from the account may not exceed*
13 *\$2,500.*

14 (b) *The account may be used only to pay for activities that are*
15 *directly related to the duties of the member of the Board of*
16 *Regents, including reasonable expenses for meals, beverages and*
17 *small gifts. The account must not be used to pay for expenses*
18 *associated with attending a sporting event or a political*
19 *fundraising event.*

20 (c) *The member of the Board of Regents must submit a*
21 *monthly report of expenditures from the account to the Chancellor*
22 *of the System. The report must include, without limitation, the*
23 *amount of money expended from the account, the specific purpose*
24 *and activity for which the money was expended and, if applicable,*
25 *the person for whom the money was expended.*

26 (d) *The Chancellor of the System shall compile the monthly*
27 *reports into an annual report on or before January 30 of each*
28 *year. The monthly reports and annual reports are public records*
29 *and must be made available for public inspection.*

30 **4. As used in this section, "hosting expenditures" means**
31 ***reasonable expenses by or on behalf of a member of the Board of***
32 ***Regents who is conducting business activities necessary to provide***
33 ***a benefit to the System by establishing goodwill, promoting***
34 ***programs of the System or otherwise advancing the mission of the***
35 ***System.***

36 **Sec. 2.** NRS 396.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

37 396.080 The Board of Regents shall have the power to appoint
38 a Chairman . ~~[who shall receive no compensation for his services~~
39 ~~as Chairman.]~~

40 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

