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SENATE BILL NO. 118—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to public health.
(BDR 40-334)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 relating to public health; authorizing the creation of a health district by certain counties which are not physically adjacent; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates a health district in any county whose population is 700,000
2 or more (currently Clark County), which has jurisdiction over all public health
3 matters in the health district. (NRS 439.361, 439.362, 439.366) Existing law
4 authorizes the creation of a health district with similar jurisdiction in counties
5 whose population is less than 700,000 (currently all counties other than Clark
6 County), subject to approval by the State Board of Health, by affirmative vote of:
7 (1) the boards of county commissioners of two or more adjacent counties; (2) the
8 governing bodies of two or more cities or towns within any county; or (3) the board
9 of county commissioners and the governing body or bodies of any incorporated city
10 or cities, town or towns, in such a county. (NRS 439.370) **Sections 7 and 8** of this
11 bill remove the requirement that two counties must be physically adjacent in order
12 to create a health district.

13 **Section 9.2** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Division of Public and
14 Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services for allocation
15 to specified entities for the improvement of public health. **Section 9.2** requires each
16 such entity to submit a report to the Interim Finance Committee at the end of Fiscal
17 Year 2024-2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026, respectively, concerning the use of the
18 allocated money.



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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

4 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

5 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

6 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)

7 **Sec. 7.** NRS 439.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:

8 439.370 By affirmative vote of:

9 1. The boards of county commissioners of two or more
10 ~~adjacent~~ counties;

11 2. The governing bodies of two or more cities or towns within
12 any county; or

13 3. The board of county commissioners and the governing body
14 or bodies of any incorporated city or cities, town or towns, in such
15 county,

16 ↪ and with the approval of the State Board of Health, there may be
17 created a health district with a health department consisting of a
18 district health officer and a district board of health.

19 **Sec. 8.** NRS 439.383 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 439.383 When two or more ~~adjacent~~ counties establish a
21 district board of health, all county boards of health in such district
22 shall thereupon be abolished.

23 **Sec. 8.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

24 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)

25 **Sec. 9.2.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
26 General Fund to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the
27 Department of Health and Human Services the sum of \$15,000,000
28 for allocation pursuant to subsection 2 for the improvement of the
29 public health.

30 2. On or before August 1, 2024, the Division of Public and
31 Behavioral Health shall allocate the money appropriated by
32 subsection 1 to the following entities based on the following
33 prescribed percentages of the total appropriated money:

34 (a) The Central Nevada Health District, 1.3 percent;

35 (b) The Washoe County Health District, 16 percent;

36 (c) The Southern Nevada Health District, 73 percent; and

37 (d) The Division of Public and Behavioral Health or a designee
38 of the Division, 9.7 percent.

39 3. An entity to which money is allocated pursuant to subsection
40 2 shall:

41 (a) Evaluate the public health needs of residents of the area
42 under the jurisdiction of the entity;



1 (b) Determine the level of priority of the public health needs
2 identified pursuant to paragraph (a);

3 (c) Expend the allocated money in accordance with the levels of
4 priority identified pursuant to paragraph (b); and

5 (d) Not later than 90 days after the end of Fiscal Year 2024-
6 2025 and 2025-2026, respectively:

7 (1) Prepare a report which must include, without limitation:

8 (I) A description of the process used by the entity
9 pursuant to paragraph (a) to evaluate the public health needs of
10 residents of the area under the jurisdiction of the entity and the
11 public health needs identified through that process;

12 (II) A description of the process used by the entity
13 pursuant to paragraph (b) to determine the level of priority of the
14 public health needs identified pursuant to paragraph (a) and the
15 levels of priority assigned to those public health needs through that
16 process;

17 (III) A description of each expenditure of the allocated
18 money made by the entity pursuant to paragraph (c); and

19 (IV) The unexpended balance of the allocated money at
20 the end of the fiscal year.

21 (2) Submit the report to the Director of the Legislative
22 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee.

23 4. An entity to which money is allocated pursuant to subsection
24 2 shall not use the money to replace or supplant money available
25 from other sources.

26 5. The portion of any money remaining at the end of Fiscal
27 Year 2024-2025 from an allocation of the money appropriated by
28 subsection 1 that is not committed for expenditure by June 30, 2025,
29 must be carried forward to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to be used for the
30 same purpose. Any remaining balance of the allocated money
31 carried forward to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 must not be committed for
32 expenditure after June 30, 2026, and must be reverted to the State
33 General Fund on or before September 18, 2026.

34 **Sec. 9.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)

35 **Sec. 10.** 1. This section and sections 1 to 9, inclusive, and
36 9.5 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.

37 2. Section 9.2 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2024.

