SENATE BILL NO. 187–SENATORS SEGERBLOM, CANCELA, KIECKHEFER, HARRIS; CANNIZZARO, DENIS, FARLEY, GANSERT, HAMMOND, MANENDO, PARKS, RATTI AND WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation for the establishment of a fine arts museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the expansion of the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno, Nevada. (BDR S-267)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
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 making an appropriation for the establishment of a fine arts museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the expansion of the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno, Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

WHEREAS, The arts and cultural assets such as museums enhance the quality of life of, create equity between and unite diverse people in a community; and

WHEREAS, The arts and cultural assets act as powerful drivers of the economy, with the capability of creating jobs, attracting and generating investments and stimulating a local economy through tourism and commerce; and

WHEREAS, Access to quality arts and cultural assets is an important factor considered by businesses when locating or relocating to a community and attracting and retaining workers; and

WHEREAS, Education in the arts is necessary for the cultivation of a competitive workforce from among the pupils of this State; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is committed to celebrating and enhancing the arts, culture and heritage of this State; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas, Nevada, is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without a fine arts museum; and

WHEREAS, The City of Las Vegas has agreed to provide the Art Museum at Symphony Park, a nonprofit organization formed by local community leaders and advocates to establish a fine arts museum in southern Nevada, with land for the development of the fine arts museum; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Museum of Art, including the Donald W. Reynolds Center for the Visual Arts and E.L. Wiegand Gallery, located in Reno, Nevada, has earned local, national and international financial support and recognition as the oldest cultural institution in this State and is the only nationally accredited art museum in this State; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Museum of Art and the Art Museum at Symphony Park are discussing a merger to unify the organizations into an accredited nonprofit entity responsible for establishing and operating fine arts museums and educational programs in this State; and

WHEREAS, Funding for the arts and cultural assets is a responsibility shared by private individuals, businesses, charitable foundations and the government at all levels; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee the sum of $10,000,000 for allocation pursuant to section 2 of this act to the nonprofit corporation formed to establish a fine arts museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, and to expand the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno, Nevada, upon a showing to the Committee:

1. That the corporation has been incorporated under the laws of this State as a nonprofit corporation; and

2. That the purpose of the corporation is to establish a fine arts museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, and to expand the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno, Nevada.

Sec. 2. 1. Allocation of the money appropriated by section 1 of this act must be contingent upon matching money being obtained by the nonprofit corporation described in section 1 of this act, including, without limitation, gifts, grants and donations to the nonprofit corporation from private and public sources of money other than the appropriation made by section 1 of this act. The Interim Finance Committee shall not direct the transfer of any portion of money from the appropriation made pursuant to section 1 of this act until the nonprofit corporation submits to the Committee proof satisfactory to the Committee that matching money in an equivalent amount has been committed.

2. Upon acceptance of the money allocated pursuant to subsection 1, the nonprofit corporation shall:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 21, 2018, that describes each expenditure made from the money allocated pursuant to subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the nonprofit corporation through December 1, 2018;

(b) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before September 20, 2019, that describes each expenditure made from the money allocated pursuant to subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the nonprofit corporation through June 30, 2019; and

(c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise, of the nonprofit corporation, regardless of their form or location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an audit of the use of the money allocated pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 1 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2019, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 20, 2019, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 20, 2019.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

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