

2006 WEED FUNDING REQUEST

We propose a Governmental Service Tax of 1/10 of one mil be imposed by the Legislature on each vehicle registration and registration renewal in accordance with the Nevada Constitution Article 9 Section 5 Exception, (The provisions of this section do not apply to the proceeds of any tax imposed upon motor vehicles by the legislature in lieu of an ad valorem property tax.) Reference: Attached.

The purpose of this tax would be to establish a comprehensive long-term State weed program.

The proceeds from this tax if approved would be deposited into a state trust fund that would be administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The responsibilities of the Trustees would be to administer the trust and establish a state weed control program in accordance with the enabling legislation. The following composition is recommended for the Board of Trustees

- o One member who represents the interests of natural resource conservation;
- o One member who represents the interests of outdoor recreation;
- o One member who represents the farming industry;
- o One member who represents the ranching industry;
- o One member who represents the mining industry;
- o One member who is an elected official in county or city government; and,
- o One member who represents the interests of the general public.

The following state officials, or their representatives, are recommended to advise and support the Board of Trustees in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity: Directors from the Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Wildlife.

Two high priority resource issues should be identified to receive permanent funding from the Trust. These topics include: improved invasive weed management and control at the local level, and a matching grant program to allow individuals, organizations and local governments and agencies to maximize federal funding sources relating to the conservation and stewardship of natural resources in Nevada

The enabling legislation contains detailed information on the intended structure and management of this program.

At the present time there are approximately two million four hundred thousand vehicles registered in Nevada at that rate, this tax should produce approximately Three million dollars (\$3,000,000.) a year and grow every year, at the rate of 1/10 of one mil on the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) a year for each new vehicle registered. New vehicle registration has been about 50,000 a month for the past 2 years, however that does not mean that each new registration is an increase in overall vehicle numbers, as many new registrations are a new vehicle replacing an older pre-registered vehicle.

All monies received from this tax would be placed into a trust fund, of which no more than one million five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000.) could be used in any given year.

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This program would fund five (5) weed management specialists, one (1) project manager and one clerk capable of accomplishing GPS mapping files and records. The state would be divided into six (6) weed management districts, each similar in structure and management with the Tri County Weed District now in place in White Pine, Lincoln and Nye Counties. These Districts would be established as much as possible, within natural geographic locations to assist with the problems of travel and working conditions.

This is a short draft of a proposed weed management bill, at this time we are presenting this only as a means to establish a potential funding source for the complete program, if this proposal is acceptable as a possible source and favorably considered. The complete BDR will be presented to this Committee at a later meeting.

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Attachment:

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WHERE YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOLLARS GO

TOTAL TAXES and FEES: \$219

Example based on a one-year-old vehicle in Clark County with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$12,500.

- **Basic Registration Fee (\$33)**

Fee for vehicles under 6,000 pounds. Goes to the Highway Fund.

- **Governmental Services Tax (\$149)**

Taxes returned to local governments and school districts. Four cents on each \$1 of DMV valuation.

- **Supplemental Governmental Services Tax (\$37)**

Motorists in Clark and Churchill Counties only.

One cent on each \$1 of DMV valuation. Voter-approved tax used for highway construction.



- ☐ Basic Registration Fee
- ☐ Governmental Services Tax
- ☐ Supplemental Gov. Services Tax

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Section 5. Proceeds from fees for licensing and registration of motor vehicles and excise taxes on fuel reserved for construction, maintenance and repair of public highways; exception. The proceeds from the imposition of any license or registration fee and other charge with respect to the operation of any motor vehicle upon any public highway in this state and the proceeds from the imposition of any excise tax on gasoline or other motor vehicle fuel shall, except costs of administration, be used exclusively for the construction, maintenance, and repair of the public highways of this state. The provisions of this section do not apply to the proceeds of any tax imposed upon motor vehicles by the legislature in lieu of an ad valorem property tax.

[Added in 1941 and passed by the Statutes of Nevada the 1960 legislature 1962 general elect

2,400,000 CARS
x \$12,500. = \$30,000,000.

@ 1/10th of a mil

1/10th = \$1.25 per car

Net \$3,000,000. -
per year

and passed by the 1937 legislature; agreed to by people at the 1940 general election. See: the amendment was proposed and passed by 1 approved and ratified by the people at the 1961 Nevada 1961, p. 825.]