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**Assembly Committee on Natural Resources**

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 349**

**Establishes the Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program. (BDR 45-912)**

**Sponsored By:** Assemblyman O'Neill  
**Date Heard:** March 27, 2023  
**Fiscal Notes:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

Assembly Bill 349 establishes the Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program to support the preservation, protection, management, and restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitats, and requires Nevada's Department of Wildlife to administer the Program.

The bill also creates the Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program Account in the State General Fund and directs how such funds are to be used.

Lastly, AB 349 establishes the Board of the Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program, to consist of five members, to advise the Department on the expenditure of money in the Account.

**Amendments:**

1. Assemblyman O'Neill proposed an amendment that decreases the number of members on the Board from five members to three members; and
2. Tina Nappe proposed a friendly amendment that expands the authority of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to direct the use of money in the Wildlife Account.

Proposed Amendment to Assembly Bill 349

*Sec. 4 1. There is hereby created the Board of the Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program to advise the Department on the expenditure of money n the Nevada Wildlife conservation Program Account created by section 3 of this act.*

*2. the board consists of the following ~~five~~ three members:*

*(a) one member from a field of related to the management of wildlife appointed by the Governor;*

~~*(b) One member from a field related to the management of wildlife, appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate.*~~

~~*(c) One member from a field related to the management of wildlife, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.*~~

*(d) One member with background in the management of rangeland or the management of wildlife, appointed by the Chair of the Commission: and*

*(e) The Chair of the Commission or a member of the Commission appointed by the Chair;*

Proposed Amendment to AB349  
From Tina Nappe

Section 1 subsection 3-line 25 language will be added to include “under the direction of the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners”

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4 and NRS 503.597, the Department *under the direction of the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners*, may use the money in the Wildlife Account only to carry out the provisions of this title and chapter 488 of NRS and as provided in NRS 365.535, and the money must not be diverted to any other use.