

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 347—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

MARCH 3, 2025

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to state financial administration. (BDR 31-936)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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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 state financial administration; revising the threshold for which state agencies may accept gifts, including grants from nongovernmental sources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law provides that, under certain circumstances, a state agency may
2 accept gifts, including grants from nongovernmental sources, not exceeding
3 \$200,000 each in value. (NRS 353.335) This bill revises the threshold to allow state
4 agencies to accept such gifts, including grants from nongovernmental sources, not
5 exceeding \$500,000 each in value.

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

1 **Section 1.** NRS 353.335 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 353.335 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and
3 6, a state agency may accept any gift or grant of property or services
4 from any source only if it is included in an act of the Legislature
5 authorizing expenditures of nonappropriated money or, when it is
6 not so included, if it is approved as provided in subsection 2.
7 2. If:
8 (a) Any proposed gift or grant is necessary because of an
9 emergency as defined in NRS 353.263 or for the protection or
10 preservation of life or property, the Governor shall take reasonable
11 and proper action to accept it and shall report the action and his or
12 her reasons for determining that immediate action was necessary to



1 the Interim Finance Committee at its first meeting after the action is
2 taken. Action by the Governor pursuant to this paragraph constitutes
3 acceptance of the gift or grant, and other provisions of this chapter
4 requiring approval before acceptance do not apply.

5 (b) The Governor determines that any proposed gift or grant
6 would be forfeited if the State failed to accept it before the
7 expiration of the period prescribed in paragraph (c), the Governor
8 may declare that the proposed acceptance requires expeditious
9 action by the Interim Finance Committee. Whenever the Governor
10 so declares, the Interim Finance Committee has 15 days after the
11 proposal is submitted to its Secretary within which to approve or
12 deny the acceptance. Any proposed acceptance which is not
13 considered within the 15-day period shall be deemed approved.

14 (c) The proposed acceptance of any gift or grant does not qualify
15 pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b), it must be submitted to the Interim
16 Finance Committee. Except as otherwise provided in NRS
17 353.3375, the Interim Finance Committee has 45 days after the
18 proposal is submitted to its Secretary within which to consider
19 acceptance. Any proposed acceptance which is not considered
20 within the 45-day period shall be deemed approved.

21 3. The Secretary shall place each request submitted to the
22 Secretary pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 2 on the
23 agenda of the next meeting of the Interim Finance Committee.

24 4. In acting upon a proposed gift or grant, the Interim Finance
25 Committee shall consider, among other things:

26 (a) The need for the facility or service to be provided or
27 improved;

28 (b) Any present or future commitment required of the State;

29 (c) The extent of the program proposed; and

30 (d) The condition of the national economy, and any related fiscal
31 or monetary policies.

32 5. A state agency may accept:

33 (a) Gifts, including grants from nongovernmental sources, not
34 exceeding ~~[\$200,000]~~ \$500,000 each in value; and

35 (b) Governmental grants not exceeding \$200,000 each in value,
36 ↪ if the gifts or grants are used for purposes which do not involve
37 the hiring of new employees and if the agency has the specific
38 approval of the Governor or, if the Governor delegates this power of
39 approval to the Chief of the Budget Division of the Office of
40 Finance, the specific approval of the Chief.

41 6. This section does not apply to:

42 (a) The Nevada System of Higher Education;

43 (b) The Department of Health and Human Services while acting
44 as the state health planning and development agency pursuant to



1 paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NRS 439A.081 or for donations,
2 gifts or grants to be disbursed pursuant to NRS 433.395 or 435.490;

3 (c) Legal services provided on a pro bono basis by an attorney
4 or law firm engaged in the private practice of law to the State of
5 Nevada or any officer, agency or employee in the Executive
6 Department of the State Government pursuant to a contract for legal
7 services entered into by or at the request of the Attorney General in
8 accordance with NRS 228.112 to 228.1127, inclusive;

9 (d) Artifacts donated to the Department of Tourism and Cultural
10 Affairs;

11 (e) The initial \$250,000 received by the Department of Wildlife
12 pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 501.3585 as a gift, donation,
13 bequest or devise, or combination thereof, for an unanticipated
14 emergency event, as defined in NRS 501.3585; or

15 (f) A gift or grant that will be deposited in a budget account that
16 consists of money which is not appropriated by or authorized for
17 expenditure by the Legislature.



