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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 333—ASSEMBLYMEMBERS GRAY, HANSEN,  
ROTH, ANDERSON, DELONG; GOULDING AND LA RUE HATCH

MARCH 3, 2025

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS TAYLOR, DALY; AND HANSEN

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 49-833)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 11)  
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to establish the Nevada State Fairgrounds; creating the Account for the Maintenance and Operation of the Nevada State Fairgrounds; revising certain duties of the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board relating to the real property leased to Washoe County for use as a fairground; terminating a lease for certain real property leased to Washoe County; requiring the State Land Registrar to enter into an agreement to lease certain real property to Washoe County; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of certain real property; repealing certain provisions of existing law governing the lease of certain real property to Washoe County; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Existing law directed the State Board of Agriculture to lease certain real
- 2 property to Washoe County subject to a trust imposed on that real property.
- 3 (Chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, at pages 366-67) A portion of that real



4 property was later exempted from the trust to enable Washoe County to construct a  
5 county public building complex on the real property. (Chapter 52, Statutes of  
6 Nevada 1977, at pages 123-26; chapter 561, Statutes of Nevada 1997, at pages  
7 2726-28) **Section 10** of this bill terminates the lease for that real property which is  
8 owned by the State of Nevada and leased to Washoe County. **Section 14** of this bill  
9 repeals the chapters of Statutes of Nevada that are related to the lease of this real  
10 property to Washoe County. **Section 9** of this bill sets forth a legislative declaration  
11 relating to the legislative history of the lease of that real property and the reasons  
12 for terminating the lease.

13 **Section 11** of this bill requires the Administrator of the Division of State Lands  
14 of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, as ex officio State  
15 Land Registrar, to enter into an agreement to lease to Washoe County the real  
16 property in use as a county public building complex. **Section 11** requires that, as  
17 part of the agreement, Washoe County must survey and generate a legal description  
18 for the portion of the real property in use by Washoe County.

19 **Section 12** of this bill provides that, following the termination of the lease, the  
20 State Department of Agriculture is responsible for the operation and maintenance of  
21 the portion of the real property that is not transferred to Washoe County, which  
22 shall be referred to as the Nevada State Fairgrounds.

23 **Sections 5 and 12** of this bill require the Director of the State Department of  
24 Agriculture to establish a state fairground, to be known as the Nevada State  
25 Fairgrounds, on the portion of the real property not leased to Washoe County.  
26 **Section 5** requires the Department to develop, maintain, operate and promote the  
27 use of the Nevada State Fairgrounds and any facilities located thereon. **Section 12**  
28 further provides that the Nevada State Fairgrounds are subject to the trust imposed  
29 on that real property.

30 **Section 6** of this bill creates the Account for the Maintenance and Operation of  
31 the Nevada State Fairgrounds in the State General Fund with the money in the  
32 Account to be used to develop, maintain, operate and promote the use of the  
33 Nevada State Fairgrounds and any facilities located thereon.

34 **Sections 3 and 4** of this bill define "Department" and "Director", respectively.  
35 **Section 2** of this bill applies those definitions to the provisions of **sections 5 and 6**  
36 and certain provisions of existing law relating to fairs and exhibits. (Chapter 551 of  
37 NRS) **Section 7** of this bill revises certain references to the Department and  
38 Director consistent with the definitions.

39 Existing law requires the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board to review the  
40 uses of the real property leased to Washoe County for use as a fairground and any  
41 physical improvements or changes to the facilities at the fairground. (NRS 563.080)

42 **Section 8** of this bill instead requires the Board to review any physical  
43 improvements or changes to the Nevada State Fairgrounds.

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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 551 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this  
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*  
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 and 4 of this*  
6 *act, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*



1     **Sec. 3.** *“Department” means the State Department of*  
2 *Agriculture.*

3     **Sec. 4.** *“Director” means the Director of the Department.*

4     **Sec. 5.** 1. *The Director shall establish a state fairground, to*  
5 *be known as the Nevada State Fairgrounds.*

6     2. *The Department shall:*

7     (a) *Develop, maintain, operate and promote the use of the*  
8 *Nevada State Fairgrounds and any facilities located thereon; and*

9     (b) *Promote purposes relating to livestock using the Nevada*  
10 *State Fairgrounds.*

11    3. *To carry out the requirements of this section, the Director*  
12 *may enter into contracts or other legal agreements with:*

13    (a) *The Federal Government, state officials, state agencies and*  
14 *local governments; and*

15    (b) *Any public or private person for the rental or lease of*  
16 *concessions on the grounds of the property and facilities of the*  
17 *Nevada State Fairgrounds to any public or private person subject*  
18 *to any applicable requirements of chapters 321 and 322 of NRS*  
19 *and under such terms and conditions set by the Director.*

20    **Sec. 6.** 1. *The Account for the Maintenance and Operation*  
21 *of the Nevada State Fairgrounds is hereby created in the State*  
22 *General Fund. The Director shall administer the Account. The*  
23 *Account is a continuing account without reversion.*

24    2. *Money in the Account must be used by the Department to*  
25 *develop, maintain, operate and promote the use of the Nevada*  
26 *State Fairgrounds and any facilities located thereon.*

27    3. *The Director may accept gifts, grants, donations and*  
28 *bequests of money from any source. The money must be deposited*  
29 *in the State Treasury for credit to the Account.*

30    4. *The interest and income earned on the money in the*  
31 *Account, after deducting any applicable charges, must be credited*  
32 *to the Account.*

33    **Sec. 7.** NRS 551.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

34    551.030 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 547.110,  
35 the ~~[State]~~ Department ~~[of Agriculture]~~ may operate or authorize the  
36 operation of any state fair or regional fair in this State.

37    2. The Director ~~[of the Department]~~ must determine the venue  
38 and frequency of any state fair or regional fair, except that a state  
39 fair or regional fair may not be held more frequently than once each  
40 calendar year.

41    **Sec. 8.** NRS 563.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

42    563.080 1. The Board shall have possession and care of all  
43 property of the Nevada Junior Livestock Show and the Nevada  
44 Youth Livestock and Dairy Show and shall be entrusted with the



1 direction of the entire business and financial affairs of these  
2 exhibitions.

3 2. The Board may:

4 (a) Appoint employees and define their duties.

5 (b) Adopt bylaws, rules and regulations for the government of  
6 the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board, the Nevada Junior  
7 Livestock Show and the Nevada Youth Livestock and Dairy Show  
8 and for all exhibitions of livestock.

9 (c) Acquire or lease real and personal property, buildings and  
10 improvements.

11 3. The Board shall review ~~[-~~

12 ~~—(a) All uses of the real property leased to Washoe County for~~  
13 ~~use as a fairground; and~~

14 ~~—(b) Any} any physical improvements or changes to the [facilities~~  
15 ~~at the fairground;~~

16 ~~→} Nevada State Fairgrounds established pursuant to section 5 of~~  
17 ~~this act~~ to ensure that the ~~[use of] improvements or changes to~~ the  
18 property ~~[for purposes related to agriculture and livestock]~~ continues  
19 to comply with the provisions of the trust relating to the fairground .  
20 ~~[imposed upon the conveyance.]~~

21 **Sec. 9.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

22 1. Pursuant to chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, the State  
23 Board of Agriculture was directed to lease the real property  
24 described as NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 1, T. 19  
25 N., R. 19 E., M.D.B. & M., in Washoe County, Nevada  
26 (approximately 80 acres less a described area of 2.904 acres) to  
27 Washoe County for 50 years with the express provision that the  
28 lessee “recognized the trust imposed by Chapter XXVII, Statutes of  
29 Nevada 1887.”

30 2. Washoe County was directed to transfer not to exceed 6  
31 acres of the southerly portion of the land originally leased to  
32 Washoe County to the state board of military auditors pursuant to  
33 chapter 11, Statutes of Nevada 1955.

34 3. The lease to Washoe County was extended to March 21,  
35 2050, upon the same terms pursuant to chapter 295, Statutes of  
36 Nevada 1971.

37 4. Pursuant to chapter 52, Statutes of Nevada 1977, a portion of  
38 the real property leased to Washoe County was exempted from the  
39 trust described in subsection 1 for the purpose of constructing and  
40 maintaining a county public building complex. The real property is  
41 described as follows:

42 All that real property situate in the City of Reno, County of  
43 Washoe, State of Nevada, being all that portion of the Southwest  
44 quarter of Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, M.D.B. &  
45 M., described as follows:



1 Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Nevada National  
2 Guard parcel as situated on the Washoe County Fairgrounds,  
3 said point bearing South 44°33'52" West 1,044.32 feet from a  
4 Washoe County brass cup representing the Center of Section  
5 1, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, M.D.B. & M.; thence  
6 North 88°11'36" West along the Southerly line of said  
7 National Guard parcel 288.02 feet (Record 288.00 feet) to  
8 Southwest Corner of said National Guard parcel; thence  
9 North 1°48'24" East along the West line of said National  
10 Guard parcel 152.49 feet; thence North 88°16'06" West  
11 300.65 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Wells Avenue;  
12 thence South 1°43'54" West along the said Easterly line of  
13 Wells Avenue 601.69 feet to the Northerly line of East Ninth  
14 Street as shown on the Leete's Syndicate Addition; thence  
15 South 89°16'47" East along said Northerly line of East Ninth  
16 Street 1,272.65 feet to a point on the West line of Sutro Street  
17 as described in Document No. 366638, at Book 895, page  
18 509, filed for record on June 5, 1975, Official Records of  
19 Washoe County, Nevada; thence North 0°33'14" East along  
20 said Westerly line of Sutro Street 324.45 feet; thence North  
21 89°26'46" West 100.00 feet; thence North 0°33'14" East 70.00  
22 feet; thence North 89°39'30" West 366.93 feet; thence North  
23 44°38'30" West 262.89 feet; thence North 88°11'36" West  
24 18.60 feet to a point on the East line of said National Guard  
25 parcel; thence South 1°48'24" West along said East line  
26 138.46 feet to the true point of beginning.  
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28 5. Pursuant to chapter 561, Statutes of Nevada 1997, a portion  
29 of the real property leased to Washoe County was again exempted  
30 from the trust described in subsection 1 for the purpose of  
31 constructing and maintaining a county public building complex. The  
32 real property is described as follows:

33 All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the southwest  
34 1/4 of section 1, township 19 north, range 19 east, M.D.M. and  
35 being more particularly described as follows:  
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37 Beginning at the intersection of the east right-of-way line  
38 of North Wells Avenue and the north right-of-way line of  
39 East Ninth Street in the City of Reno, County of Washoe,  
40 State of Nevada, said intersection being the point of  
41 beginning; thence North 1°43'54" East, 779.20 feet along the  
42 east right-of-way line of said North Wells Avenue; thence  
43 leaving said right-of-way and proceeding South 88°12'41"  
44 east 669.35 feet to a point on the west right-of-way line of  
45 Sutro Street; thence south 0°33'14" west, 690.66 feet along



1 the west right-of-way of Sutro Street to the point of  
2 intersection with the north right-of-way line of East Ninth  
3 Street; thence along the north right-of-way line of East Ninth  
4 Street, north 89°16'47" west 1272.65 feet to the said point of  
5 beginning and containing an area of 21.3 acres more or less.

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7 6. Pursuant to chapter 105, Statutes of Nevada 1999, the legal  
8 description of the portion of the real property leased to Washoe  
9 County described in subsection 5 was amended. The real property is  
10 described as follows:

11 All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the southwest  
12 1/4 of section 1, township 19 north, range 19 east, M.D.M. and  
13 being more particularly described as follows:

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15 Beginning at the intersection of the east right-of-way line  
16 of North Wells Avenue and the north right-of-way line of  
17 East Ninth Street in the City of Reno, County of Washoe,  
18 State of Nevada, said intersection being the point of  
19 beginning; thence North 1°43'54" East, 779.20 feet along the  
20 east right-of-way line of said North Wells Avenue; thence  
21 leaving said right-of-way and proceeding South 88°12'41"  
22 East, 588.99 feet; thence South 1°48'24" West, 65.00 feet;  
23 thence south 88°12'41" east 669.35 feet to a point on the west  
24 right-of-way line of Sutro Street; thence south 0°33'14" west,  
25 690.66 feet along the west right-of-way of Sutro Street to the  
26 point of intersection with the north right-of-way line of East  
27 Ninth Street; thence along the north right-of-way line of East  
28 Ninth Street, north 89°16'47" west 1272.65 feet to the said  
29 point of beginning and containing an area of 21.3 acres more  
30 or less.

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32 7. Washoe County has constructed and maintained a county  
33 public building complex on a portion of the land described in  
34 subsection 5, as amended by subsection 6.

35 8. The remaining portion of the real property not exempted  
36 from the trust has strayed from the original trust purposes.

37 **Sec. 10.** The lease to Washoe County by the State Board of  
38 Agriculture for the real property located in Washoe County, Nevada,  
39 created pursuant to chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951 and  
40 extended pursuant to chapter 295, Statutes of Nevada 1971, is  
41 hereby terminated.

42 **Sec. 11.** 1. The Administrator of the Division of State Lands  
43 of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, as  
44 ex officio State Land Registrar, shall enter into an agreement with  
45 Washoe County, whereby the real property upon which Washoe



1 County has constructed and maintained a county public building  
2 complex shall be exempt from any trust imposed by the statutes  
3 enumerated in section 9 of this act and shall be made immediately  
4 available for use by Washoe County for the term of the existing  
5 lease expiring on March 21, 2050, for the purpose of constructing  
6 and maintaining thereon a county public building complex.

7 2. The agreement described in subsection 1 must:

8 (a) Require Washoe County to survey and generate a legal  
9 description for the real property upon which Washoe County has  
10 constructed and maintained a county public building complex.

11 (b) Provide that after Washoe County completes the  
12 requirements of paragraph (a), the State Land Registrar shall  
13 execute a new lease with Washoe County for the real property  
14 described in the legal description generated by Washoe County  
15 pursuant to paragraph (a) and agreed to by the State Land Registrar.

16 **Sec. 12.** Upon termination of the lease to Washoe County  
17 pursuant to section 10 of this act:

18 1. The State Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for  
19 the operation and maintenance of the portion of the real property not  
20 leased to Washoe County, which shall herein be referred to as the  
21 Nevada State Fairgrounds. The Director of the Department shall  
22 establish the Nevada State Fairgrounds required by section 5 of this  
23 act.

24 2. The Director and the State Department of Agriculture shall  
25 recognize the trust imposed by Chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada  
26 1887, and shall manage, control and properly maintain the Nevada  
27 State Fairgrounds subject to said trust.

28 3. Any money on hand or to become available to Washoe  
29 County for the Nevada State Fairgrounds must be paid directly to  
30 the State Department of Agriculture.

31 4. The State Department of Agriculture shall assume any  
32 accounts payable by Washoe County for the Nevada State  
33 Fairgrounds.

34 5. The State Department of Agriculture shall assume  
35 responsibility for any existing contracts or other agreements entered  
36 into by Washoe County for use of the Nevada State Fairgrounds or  
37 any buildings or facilities thereon.

38 **Sec. 13.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any  
39 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the  
40 provisions of this act.

41 **Sec. 14.** Chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, at page 366,  
42 chapter 11, Statutes of Nevada 1955, at page 13, chapter 295,  
43 Statutes of Nevada 1971, at page 526, chapter 52, Statutes of  
44 Nevada 1977, at page 123 and chapter 561, Statutes of Nevada  
45 1997, at page 2726 are hereby repealed.



1     **Sec. 15.** 1. This section and sections 11 and 13 of this act  
2 become effective upon passage and approval.  
3     2. Sections 1 to 8, inclusive, 9, 10, 12 and 14 of this act  
4 become effective on the day that the agreement between the  
5 Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State  
6 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Washoe  
7 County that is required pursuant to section 11 of this act takes effect.

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**TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS**

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**Chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951:**

SECTION 1. In consideration of the payment of the sum of one dollar (\$1), the state board of agriculture of the State of Nevada acting for the state agricultural society and the people of the State of Nevada is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith execute and deliver for and on behalf of the State of Nevada to the county of Washoe a good and sufficient agreement releasing all the rights, title, and interest of the State of Nevada in and to that certain property located in the county of Washoe and more particularly described as that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Washoe, State of Nevada, designated as the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) and the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of section 1, township 19 north, range 19 east, M. D. B. & M., containing 80 acres, more or less, excepting approximately 2.904 acres more or less and described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the E 1/2 of Lot 2 of NW 1/4, section 1, T. 19 N., R. 19 E., M. D. B. & M., thence south 0° 20' east 600.50 feet more or less, thence northeasterly along the north side of Alameda avenue 702 feet more or less, assuming an avenue 60 feet in width, thence north 1° 19' west 59 feet more or less, thence south 88° 41' west 430 feet to the point of beginning; together with 80 inches of water from the English Mill ditch under six inch pressure to be taken at convenient places from said ditch for irrigation and other purposes; together with all rights appurtenant thereto.

SEC. 2. Said lands shall be released to the county of Washoe for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of the approval of this act.

SEC. 3. The county of Washoe, by and through its county commissioners, shall have the responsibility for the





management, control and duty to properly maintain the premises and repair the appurtenances thereto.

SEC. 4. Upon the expiration of the above-designated fifty-year period, unless otherwise provided by legislative enactment, this property shall revert to the State of Nevada.

SEC. 5. Each, every and all members of the board of county commissioners of Washoe County are hereby specifically empowered to accept said grant of said land, or enter into any contracts for the management of said property, notwithstanding the limitations set forth in that certain act known as "An act in relation to county contracts," approved March 16, 1895, and being known as sections 1973 and 1974, N. C. L. 1929.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts consistent herewith are hereby declared not applicable insofar that they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. The agreement referred to in section 1 above shall be fully executed on or before the first day of May, 1951.

SEC. 8. This act shall become effective from and after its passage and approval.

### **Chapter 11, Statutes of Nevada 1955:**

SECTION 1. The county of Washoe, acting by and through its county commissioners, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a good and sufficient agreement with the state board of military auditors releasing to the state board of military auditors all the right, title and interest of the county of Washoe in and to not to exceed 6 acres of the southerly portion of those certain lands acquired by the county of Washoe pursuant to the provisions of chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, for use by the state board of military auditors as a site for an armory.

SEC. 2. Upon execution of the agreement herein provided for and delivery of possession of the lands therein described to the state board of military auditors, the county of Washoe shall thereafter be relieved of all responsibilities imposed by the provisions of section 3 of chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, with respect to the lands described in such agreement.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the county of Washoe to execute such agreement or surrender possession of any lands herein referred to unless and until the state board of military auditors shall in all respects be ready, willing and able to forthwith cause a suitable armory to be



constructed and maintained upon such premises, and the continuance of such agreement may be made contingent upon the erection and continued maintenance of such armory on such premises.

Sec. 4. Each, every and all members of the board of county commissioners of Washoe County are hereby specifically empowered to enter into any contracts with the state board of military auditors with respect to such property, notwithstanding the limitations set forth in sections 1973 and 1974, N.C.L. 1929.

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

### **Chapter 295, Statutes of Nevada 1971:**

SECTION 1. 1. The state land register, acting on behalf of the State of Nevada and for the purposes of this act as successor to the state board of agriculture, is authorized and directed forthwith to execute an agreement with Washoe County, Nevada, by and through its board of county commissioners, amending that certain lease agreement heretofore executed by and between the state board of agriculture and Washoe County pursuant to the direction and authority contained in chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, extending the term of the original lease agreement from 50 years expiring on March 21, 2001, to a term of 99 years expiring on March 21, 2050.

2. Upon the expiration of the extended term on March 21, 2050, the property described in section 1 of chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951 (less any property released by Washoe County pursuant to the provisions of chapter 11, Statutes of Nevada 1955) shall revert to the State of Nevada.

3. The provisions of NRS 244.320 do not apply to the members of the board of county commissioners of Washoe County with respect to the execution of the agreement authorized and directed by subsection 1.

SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

### **Chapter 52, Statutes of Nevada 1977:**

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that:

1. By the provisions of chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada 1887, the Nevada state agricultural society, a state institution, was empowered to expend appropriated moneys for the purpose of purchasing and improving fairgrounds, the



title of such acquired property to be vested in the State of Nevada for the sole use and benefit of the State of Nevada.

2. On March 9, 1889, the Nevada state agricultural society caused the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 1, T. 19 N., R. 19 E., M.D.B. & M., in Washoe County, Nevada, to be conveyed to the State of Nevada in pursuance of chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada 1887.

3. On May 1, 1951, the state board of agriculture, pursuant to chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, leased the property described in subsection 2 (approximately 80 acres less a described area of 2.904 acres) to Washoe County, Nevada, for 50 years with the express provision that the lessee "recognizes the trust imposed by Chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada 1887, \* \* \* and agrees to manage, control and properly maintain the said property subject to said trust."

4. On August 3, 1971, an amendment made pursuant to chapter 295, Statutes of Nevada 1971, extended the term of the May 1, 1951, lease to March 21, 2050, upon the same terms.

5. The limited building expansion capacity of Washoe County coupled with the growth of the county dictate the necessity for providing more than double the county's building space within the next 15 years, and long-term growth envisaged can only be accommodated through the construction of additional facilities in a location that allows sufficient area for planned expansion.

6. A portion of the premises leased by the State of Nevada to Washoe County on May 1, 1951, provides an excellent site for the construction of a county building complex, having accessibility to the developing highway transportation system, proximity to the citizens of the cities of Reno and Sparks and the availability of free public parking.

7. On September 2, 1972, Washoe County executed a lease with the Nevada State Fair, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, by the terms of which the Washoe County fairgrounds were leased to the Nevada State Fair, Inc., for 25 years for a nominal rent for the purpose of conducting the annual Nevada State Fair; that such lease was amended on September 5, 1975, specifically exempting 13.503 acres from the original lease and reserving such parcel for the exclusive use of Washoe County, subject to compatible use by the Nevada State Fair, Inc., on official fair days.

8. In addition to its public building requirements, Washoe County needs a senior citizens service center or a community focal point on aging where older persons as



individuals or in groups can come together for services and activities which enhance their dignity, support their independence and encourage their involvement in and with the community; that the registered voters of Washoe County, Nevada, at a special election held September 14, 1976, recognized the need for constructing and maintaining a senior citizens service center by approving the issuance and sale of Washoe County's general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the construction and equipping of such a center by a vote of 18,385 to 6,212; that for the reasons stated in subsection 6 construction and operation of the senior citizens service center on a portion of the Washoe County fairgrounds is desirable.

SEC. 2. 1. Upon the effective date of this act the administrator of the division of state lands of the state department of conservation and natural resources, as ex officio state land registrar, is directed forthwith to execute an amended lease with Washoe County, Nevada, without consideration other than the fencing and beautification herein required, whereby the real property described in section 3 of this act shall be exempt from any trust imposed by the statutes enumerated in section 1 of this act and shall be made immediately available for use by Washoe County during the term of the existing lease expiring March 21, 2050, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining thereon a county public building complex, including but not limited to public buildings related to health, welfare, finance, administration and aging functions. Washoe County shall agree in such amended lease to erect during fiscal year 1977-1978 a good and substantial fence and other beautification on the west side of Sutro Street in Reno, Nevada, from Oddie Boulevard south to the north boundary line of the parcel proposed to be utilized as a site for the senior citizens service center.

2. The amended lease directed to be executed by subsection 1 shall not affect the term of the lease from the State of Nevada to Washoe County, which term expires, unless otherwise directed by the legislature, on March 21, 2050; and as provided in subsection 2 of chapter 295, Statutes of Nevada 1951, upon the expiration of the term of the lease on March 21, 2050, the property and all improvements thereon shall revert to the State of Nevada.

SEC. 3. The real property to be exempt from any trust imposed by the statutes enumerated in section 1 of this act and to be made immediately available for use by Washoe



County as specified in section 2 of this act is described as follows:

All that real property situate in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada, being all that portion of the Southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, M.D.B. & M., described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Nevada National Guard parcel as situated on the Washoe County Fairgrounds, said point bearing South 44°33'52" West 1,044.32 feet from a Washoe County brass cup representing the Center of Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 19 East, M.D.B. & M.; thence North 88°11'36" West along the Southerly line of said National Guard parcel 288.02 feet (Record 288.00 feet) to Southwest Corner of said National Guard parcel; thence North 1°48'24" East along the West line of said National Guard parcel 152.49 feet; thence North 88°16'06" West 300.65 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Wells Avenue; thence South 1°43'54" West along the said Easterly line of Wells Avenue 601.69 feet to the Northerly line of East Ninth Street as shown on the Leete's Syndicate Addition; thence South 89°16'47" East along said Northerly line of East Ninth Street 1,272.65 feet to a point on the West line of Sutro Street as described in Document No. 366638, at Book 895, page 509, filed for record on June 5, 1975, Official Records of Washoe County, Nevada; thence North 0°33'14" East along said Westerly line of Sutro Street 324.45 feet; thence North 89°26'46" West 100.00 feet; thence North 0°33'14" East 70.00 feet; thence North 89°39'30" West 366.93 feet; thence North 44°38'30" West 262.89 feet; thence North 88°11'36" West 18.60 feet to a point on the East line of said National Guard parcel; thence South 1°48'24" West along said East line 138.46 feet to the true point of beginning.

SEC. 4. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

### **Chapter 561, Statutes of Nevada 1997:**

Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

1. By the provisions of chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada 1887, the Nevada state agricultural society, a state



institution, was empowered to expend appropriated money to purchase and improve fairgrounds, the title of such acquired property to be vested in the State of Nevada for the sole use and benefit of the State of Nevada.

2. On March 9, 1889, the Nevada state agricultural society caused the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 1, T. 19 N., R. 19 E., M.D.B. & M., in Washoe County, Nevada, to be conveyed to the State of Nevada in pursuance of chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada 1887.

3. On May 1, 1951, the state board of agriculture, pursuant to chapter 251, Statutes of Nevada 1951, leased the property described in subsection 2 (approximately 80 acres less a described area of 2.904 acres) to Washoe County, Nevada, for 50 years with the express provision that the lessee "recognized the trust imposed by Chapter XXVII, Statutes of Nevada 1887, \* \* \* and agrees to manage, control and properly maintain the said property subject to said trust."

4. On August 3, 1971, an amendment made pursuant to chapter 295, Statutes of Nevada 1971, extended the term of the May 1, 1951, lease to March 21, 2050, upon the same terms.

5. The limited building expansion capacity of Washoe County coupled with the growth of the county dictate the necessity for providing additional county's building space within the next 15 years, and the long-term growth envisaged can only be accommodated through the construction of additional facilities in a location that is contiguous to existing facilities and allows sufficient area for planned expansion.

6. A portion of the premises leased by the State of Nevada to Washoe County on May 1, 1951, provides an excellent site for the construction of a county building complex, having accessibility to the developing highway transportation system, proximity to the residents of the cities of Reno and Sparks and the availability of free public parking.

7. On September 2, 1972, Washoe County executed a lease with the Nevada State Fair, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, by the terms of which the Washoe County fairgrounds were leased to the Nevada State Fair, Inc., for 25 years for a nominal rent for the purpose of conducting the annual Nevada State Fair; that such lease was amended on September 5, 1975, specifically exempting 13.503 acres from the original lease and reserving such parcel for the exclusive use of Washoe County, subject to compatible use by the Nevada State Fair, Inc., on official fair days.



8. In addition to its administrative building and senior citizen center constructed on the 13.503 acres subject to the lease executed on September 2, 1972, described above, Washoe County needs a regional emergency operations center, regional dispatch center and additional parking for these and the other facilities at this location and for the reasons stated in subsection 6, construction and operation of a regional emergency operation facility, regional dispatch center and additional parking on a portion of the Washoe County fairgrounds is desirable.

Sec. 2. 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, as ex officio State Land Registrar, is directed forthwith to execute an amended lease with Washoe County, Nevada, whereby the real property described in section 3 of this act shall be exempt from any trust imposed by the statutes enumerated in section 1 of this act and shall be made immediately available for use by Washoe County during the term of the existing lease expiring on March 21, 2050, for the purposes of constructing and maintaining thereon a county public building complex.

2. The amended lease directed to be executed by subsection 1 shall not affect the term of the lease from the State of Nevada to Washoe County, which term expires, unless otherwise directed by the Legislature, on March 21, 2050; and as provided in subsection 2 of chapter 295, Statutes of Nevada 1951, upon the expiration of the term of the lease on March 21, 2050, the property and all improvements thereon shall revert to the State of Nevada.

Sec. 3. The real property to be exempt from any trust imposed by the statutes enumerated in section 1 of this act and to be made immediately available for use by Washoe County as specified in section 2 of this act is described as follows:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the southwest 1/4 of section 1, township 19 north, range 19 east, M.D.M. and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the east right-of-way line of North Wells Avenue and the north right-of-way line of East Ninth Street in the City of Reno, County of Washoe, State of Nevada, said intersection being the point of beginning; thence North 1°43'54" East, 779.20 feet along the east right-of-way line of said North Wells Avenue; thence leaving said right-of-way and proceeding South 88°12'41" east 669.35 feet to a



point on the west right-of-way line of Sutro Street; thence south  $0^{\circ}33'14''$  west, 690.66 feet along the west right-of-way of Sutro Street to the point of intersection with the north right-of-way line of East Ninth Street; thence along the north right-of-way line of East Ninth Street, north  $89^{\circ}16'47''$  west 1272.65 feet to the said point of beginning and containing an area of 21.3 acres more or less.

Sec. 4. Chapter 52, Statutes of Nevada 1977, at page 123, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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