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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 535-ASSEMBLYMEN CARPENTER, DINI, NEIGHBORS, DE BRAGA, MARVEL, GIBBONS, ERNAUT, SEGERBLOM, COLLINS, SMITH AND HETTRICK

APRIL 23, 1993

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY-Expands class of publicly owned water systems eligible for grant for capital improvement. (BDR 30-1469)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

EXPLANATION-Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to state obligations; expanding the class of publicly owned water systems which is eligible to receive a grant for capital improvements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Section 1. NRS 349.983 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 349.983 1. [Grants] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 3 grants may be made to purveyors of water under the program only for those 4 community and nontransient water systems that [are] were in operation and 5 publicly owned on July 3, 1991. A community or nontransient water system 6 which:

7 (a) Was in existence on July 3, 1991, as a privately owned, not for profit 8 business; and

9 (b) Has since become publicly owned,

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10 is <u>also</u> eligible to receive grants under the program.

12 2. In making its determination of which purveyors of water are to receive 12 grants, the board shall give preference to those purveyors of water whose 13 public water systems regularly serve fewer than 6,000 persons.

3. Each recipient of a grant shall provide, from a source other than the 14 15 State of Nevada, an amount of money for the same purpose. The board shall 16 develop a scale to be used to determine that amount, but in no case may the 17 recipient be required to provide an amount less than 15 percent or more than 18 75 percent of the amount of the grant. The scale must be based upon the 19 average household income of the customers of the recipient, and provide 20 adjustments for the demonstrated economic hardship of those customers, the 21 existence of an imminent risk to public health and any other factor that the 22 board determines to be relevant.

4. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1 and 2, the determination of which purveyors of water are to receive grants is solely within the discretion of the board.

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