

Problem to be Solved:

This bill will expedite the process to accept grants. Currently, the process to accept a grant under NRS 353.335 section 2(c) may not start until the state agency receives a notice of grant award (NOGA). This bill will allow that process to start upon completion of the grant application. If the NOGA is not available at the time the matter is considered by the IFC, the IFC may provisionally approve the request. Once the NOGA is received, the Governor's Finance Office may review the NOGA and upgrade the status of IFC approval from provisional to final.

Proposed Language:

ACCEPTANCE OR ALLOCATION OF GIFT OR GRANT

NRS 353.335 Procedure for acceptance of gift or grant of property or services.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 and 6, a state agency may accept any gift or grant of property or services from any source only if it is included in an act of the Legislature authorizing expenditures of non-appropriated money or, when it is not so included, if it is approved as provided in subsection 2.

2. If:

(a) Any proposed gift or grant is necessary because of an emergency as defined in NRS 353.263 or for the protection or preservation of life or property, the Governor shall take reasonable and proper action to accept it and shall report the action and his reasons for determining that immediate action was necessary to the Interim Finance Committee at its first meeting after the action is taken. Action by the Governor pursuant to this paragraph constitutes acceptance of the gift or grant, and other provisions of this chapter requiring approval before acceptance do not apply.

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

(c) The proposed acceptance of any gift or grant does not qualify pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b), it must be submitted to the Interim Finance Committee, *and may be submitted at the time of application for the gift or grant, for provisional approval.* The Interim Finance Committee has 45 days after the proposal is submitted to its Secretary within which to consider acceptance. Any proposed acceptance which is not considered within the 45-day period shall be deemed approved.