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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 345 of the 77th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 345, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to wildlife; requiring that the wildlife in this State be managed according to the best science available; revising provisions relating to the authorized use of certain money in the Wildlife Fund Account in the State General Fund; requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish policies for certain programs, activities, and research relating to predatory wildlife; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 345 revises a legislative declaration regarding wildlife to require that wildlife in this State be managed according to the best science available. It also establishes a requirement that the Department of Wildlife spend at least 50 percent of certain monies credited to the Wildlife Fund for purposes of management and control of injurious wildlife. Finally, the bill requires the Wildlife Commission to establish a policy specifying reporting requirements for predator control activities or research.

Nevada Revised Statute 501.181 currently specifies that the Wildlife Commission shall establish policies for the protection, propagation, restoration, transplanting, introduction, and management of wildlife in this State, and further requires that they consider input from county advisory boards and the general public, as well as, recommendations and scientific information provided by the Department of Wildlife.

Moreover, the Department of Wildlife and the Wildlife Commission are currently revising their policies to include many of the reporting requirements for predator control, management, and research programs as specified in Assembly Bill 345.

Finally, the Department of Wildlife and the Wildlife Commission have a long history of guiding and directing the expenditure of public dollars for the betterment of Nevada's wildlife. Specifying in statute a percentage of funds to be allocated towards predator control programs unnecessarily restricts the Wildlife Commission and could very well inhibit them from carrying out their duties as effectively as possible.

Assembly Bill 345 is duplicative of the current process established and could inhibit the effective management and protection of Nevada's wildlife. Because of these concerns, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval", written in a cursive style.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Assembly (without enclosure)*
The Honorable Moises Denis, Assembly Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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