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NPRI releases report on cost-saving opportunities

A series of measures for coping with the state's current fiscal challenges was submitted today to state legislators, the Office of the Governor and other Nevada government officials by the Nevada Policy Research Institute.

The report, written by NPRI policy analysts Geoffrey Lawrence and Patrick R. Gibbons, includes multiple policy recommendations that can save the state money while allowing it to address its budget shortfall without increasing citizens' tax burden.

Titled "NPRI's Recommendations for Cost-Cutting and Reform," the report includes suggestions for how the state can save money through privatization, pay-structure reform, employee-benefits reform, and new, innovative approaches to education policy, among others. It also calls for a fundamental rethinking of the state's approach to financing, one that would refocus spending in a results-driven direction.

"As Nevada's lawmakers prepare for the 2009 Legislative Session, they ought to recognize the many opportunities that exist to implement meaningful, structural reforms that will produce cost-savings for our state," said Andy Matthews, NPRI's vice president for communications. "This new report should serve as a useful guide to how our state can meet its budgetary challenges without increasing taxes."

The report is online at: http://npri.org/docLib/20090107_Cost_Cutting_and_Reform.pdf.

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