

SENATE BILL NO. 309—SENATORS SPEARMAN, MANENDO,
PARKS; GOICOECHEA AND HAMMOND

MARCH 18, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Urges the establishment of certain mentoring programs. (BDR S-768)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to mentoring programs; urging the Nevada System of Higher Education and various business organizations to establish mentoring programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The Nevada System of Higher Education and various business organizations in
2 this State, such as chambers of commerce, together possess human and other
3 resources which could be used to establish mentoring programs for business
4 entrepreneurs. This bill urges the Nevada System of Higher Education and business
5 organizations in this State to so use their resources.

1 WHEREAS, Mentors can be crucial to the success of new,
2 aspiring or struggling business entrepreneurs by supporting the
3 efforts of those entrepreneurs through teaching, training and
4 consulting; and

5 WHEREAS, Mentors can help business entrepreneurs develop
6 business plans, project growth and tackle tough issues; and

7 WHEREAS, A mentor can be one of the most valuable resources
8 for a business entrepreneur seeking to start a business, grow a
9 business or create jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Many business organizations throughout this State
11 are made up of Nevadans who have the expertise and willingness to
12 serve as mentors for business entrepreneurs; and

13 WHEREAS, The Nevada System of Higher Education possesses
14 the resources to identify aspiring business entrepreneurs, advertise



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1 mentoring programs and facilitate the matching of such
2 entrepreneurs with people willing and able to serve as mentors; now,
3 therefore,

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5 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
6 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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8 **Section 1.** The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 1. Mentoring programs are needed and valuable for the growth
10 and development of business entrepreneurs and a robust business
11 community in this State; and

12 2. The Legislature hereby urges the Nevada System of Higher
13 Education and business organizations in this State, including,
14 without limitation, the chambers of commerce within the State of
15 Nevada, to:

16 (a) Work together to establish mentoring programs:

17 (1) For the purpose of matching up mentors who are
18 successful business entrepreneurs with new, aspiring or struggling
19 business entrepreneurs in this State, especially those new, aspiring
20 or struggling business entrepreneurs who are veterans, small
21 business owners or minority business owners; and

22 (2) That allow a business to make a financial contribution to
23 the Nevada System of Higher Education to support scholarship
24 awards, based on a combination of merit and need, for students
25 studying business that give the students both a financial award and
26 an opportunity to work closely with the business that made the
27 financial contribution for the award;

28 (b) Work together to consider and establish best practices for
29 providing other mentoring programs, including, without limitation, a
30 mentoring program that allows business students and graduates from
31 any college or university to receive peer mentoring and training in
32 management to turn business ideas into viable businesses; and

33 (c) Identify and reach out to other business organizations in this
34 State to participate in and assist with establishing mentoring
35 programs and providing mentors.

36 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

