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TESTIMONY

BILL: AB 497 (BDR 1199) Exempts licensed child care facility from regulation as a food establishment.

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION

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My name is Jim Hogan. I am the Environmental Health Supervisor in the Bureau of Health Protection Services, Nevada State Health Division.

On behalf of the Nevada State Health Division I would like to express opposition to Assembly Bill 497.

Children, especially young children, are one of the high-risk population groups due to their immature immune systems. To remove oversight of food service programs at licensed childcare facilities would put children at an increased risk of contracting food borne illnesses.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE & LABOR
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