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Senate Committee on Human Resources & Facilities

Room 2134 - 8:00 am

Comments by Scott Watts

SB 188

Chairman Rawson and Committee Members,

Talking points:

I am here today to advise you that NARA supports SB 188 for the following reasons:

- Health issues are the major concern of many of the Members of the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans
- SB 188 addresses the need for a more focused effort on health care and the health care needs for the residents of Nevada.
- Although not many of our members are concerned about prenatal care themselves, their daughters need the issue of prenatal care to be addressed. With the exodus of doctors in Nevada leaving the obstetrics field, it is imperative to find funds that will help to alleviate problem. Grants funds can help with this issue. We support any organization that can have access to grant funding and provide services that assist residents with prenatal care.



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- We applaud the Legislative Committee on Health Care for trying to establish the Medical Education Council of Nevada. We hope that the intent of Section 9 of the bill, regarding its establishment, can focus on real health care needs of Nevadans, especially senior citizens. Although this bill is addressing work force issues also, we hope that more medical workers are hired in all facilities. Our members know that all hospitals are below appropriate staffing levels, and that in some cases, the medical personnel are not trained properly.
- The language "The Medical Education Council of Nevada is hereby established with the University of Nevada School of Medicine to ensure that all Nevada has an adequate, well trained health care workforce to meet the needs of the residents of this state" says it all. We hope you will pass this bill out of committee.