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Senator William Raggio, Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary
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Subject: Testimony on SB 265, Relating to Corrections Officers and matters pertaining to Peace Officers (with recommended amendment)

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On April 11, 2003, I will testify in favor of SB 265, with a recommended amendment. I would respectfully request, in Section 1. NRS 289.550 (2) (c), that the section be amended to read as follows: "...The State Fire Marshal and Assistant State Fire Marshal."

There are several reasons that I would ask you to consider adding the Assistant State Fire Marshal to that section:

- The Assistant State Fire Marshal serves as my full deputy and is responsible for all administrative functions of my office.
- The minimum qualifications for that position are very stringent. Currently the statute requires P.O.S.T. certification. This requirement is not necessary because of the executive level management function of the position and eliminates many well qualified applicants.
- Adding the Assistant State Fire Marshal to this section would retain the statutory section that designates him/her as a Peace Officer, but would reduce the burden of requiring prior P.O.S.T. certification.

Thank you for your consideration. Please telephone me at 687-4290 if I can answer any further questions you may have.

Respectfully,


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