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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
TO STUDY COMPETITION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE
ENTERPRISES**

- 1) Change NRS 338 to allow local governments to use three informal bids for those public works projects between \$25,000 to \$100,000. Contract awards would be to appropriately licensed contractors who are the lowest responsible bidders.
- 2) Change NRS 338 to require quarterly reporting to the governing boards for those projects between \$25,000 and \$100,000 which have been awarded to contractors. The quarterly report would state who the projects were awarded to, the amount of the bid, and the description of the project.
- 3) Change NRS 338 to require the local government official responsible for a project between \$25,000 and \$100,000 to document in their files the following:
 - a) An attestation to the best of their knowledge the estimated cost of the project being performed in-house.
 - b) A general statement why the project was performed in-house.
 - c) A general statement that the project follows the same specifications as is required of the private sector.
- 4) Change NRS 338.143 to allow local governments to use informal bids by soliciting at least three contractors. Currently, the law requires a local government to solicit bids from "not more than three contractors."

Reason for Change: The current law requires local governments to maintain cumbersome contractor lists for small public works projects. These lists are not utilized by most local governments when bidding smaller projects. Instead, the projects are either performed in-house or are contracted out formally. By eliminating some of the purchasing red tape, it will no longer take three months of bidding time to do projects that take 1 to 2 weeks to complete and it will encourage the local government to bid out their projects rather than performing the work in-house. The legislative change will also allow the local governments to respond more efficiently and expediently to citizen concerns and requests for public works improvements.