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Senate Bill 294

I am Marta Adams, Senior Deputy Attorney General, appearing before you today to offer testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 294. SB 294, if enacted, would add certain provisions to the Nevada Revised Statutes relating to the jurisdiction and administration of public lands currently administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. In addition, there are provisions in SB 294 concerning the proposed storage of high-level radioactive waste in Nevada currently codified in NRS 459.910. These proposed amendments seek to add penalties for any person or governmental entity who stores high-level radioactive waste in this state.

The Attorney General's office has had the opportunity to review the opinion provided to Senator Neal by the Legislative Counsel Bureau concerning SB 294. The Attorney General concurs in LCB's opinion letter and respectfully submits that SB 294 is incapable of withstanding a constitutional challenge under the Property Clause and the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

I thank you for your time and attention.