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THE FOURTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), February 6, 2025

Assembly called to order at 11:53 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymembers Dalia, Kasama, and Monroe-Moreno, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Thomas Babu.

Almighty and eternal Light of the World, you are the true Fount of Peace. You made it self-evident to us that all human beings are created equal. Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. We come before You today as leaders and representatives of the State with grateful hearts, seeking Your wisdom and guidance as we gather in this assembly to serve the people of Nevada. You have entrusted us with the responsibility to govern with justice, integrity, and compassion. May we always remember that leadership is a calling to serve, not to be served.

Grant us clarity of thought, unity of purpose, and a spirit of cooperation. Help us to listen with open hearts, speak with kindness, and act with fairness. May the laws and decisions made in this chamber reflect the values of truth, dignity, and the common good.

Bless our state, its leaders, and its people. May Nevada continue to be a land of opportunity, prosperity, and peace for all who call it home. In all that we do today, may we honor You and uplift the lives of those we represent.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. We pray for all who fight for justice and equality, who give voice to the voiceless and hope to the hopeless.

As for the leaders of this great state, help them to be just leaders. Fill them with courage to make choices that are right and just. Help them to heal wounds, build bridges, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. Help us to be people who can be instruments in bringing peace, equality and justice for those who are less fortunate around us. In the holy name of our Creator God, we pray.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 6, 2025

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

SHERRY L. Rodriguez
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 5, 2025

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the exemption of Assembly Bills Nos. 16, 47, 87, 95, 108, 113, 127, 130, 139, 212.

SARAH COFFMAN
Fiscal Analysis Division

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the vote whereby Assembly Bill No. 15 was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 15 be rereferred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the vote whereby Assembly Bill No. 173 was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 173 be rereferred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the vote whereby Assembly Bill No. 174 was referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 174 be rereferred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the vote whereby Assembly Bill No. 188 was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 188 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the vote whereby Assembly Bill No. 211 was referred to the Committee on Government Affairs be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 211 be rereferred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the vote whereby Assembly Bill No. 212 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 212 be rereferred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymember Dickman:

Assembly Bill No. 228—AN ACT relating to elections; establishing procedures for the use of absent ballots in an election; requiring, with certain exceptions, proof of identity for voting in person; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, under certain circumstances, to issue identification cards at no charge; requiring a voter to include certain personal identifying information with his or her absent ballot; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, a person from returning an absent ballot on behalf of a voter; repealing provisions that require county and city clerks to prepare and distribute mail ballots to certain registered voters for every election; repealing provisions relating to voting, collecting, verifying and counting mail ballots; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Mosca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymember DeLong:

Assembly Bill No. 229—AN ACT relating to elections; revising certain deadlines relating to the return of mail ballots; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Mosca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1; Assembly Resolution No. 1, 2, 3.

VETOED BILLS AND SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 74 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 74 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 74 ("AB 74"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to public bodies; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to enter into an agreement to affiliate with a public or private entity for certain purposes; authorizing a public body to enter into a public-private partnership in connection with certain facilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 74 would present a burdensome expansion regarding the requirement of prevailing wages on certain projects. Currently, the Nevada System of Higher Education (the "System") is required to pay prevailing wages when the estimated cost of a project is greater than \$100,000. AB 74, however, would require the payment of prevailing wages on any construction project undertaken by the System and would additionally require prevailing wages on partnerships between the System and private entities.

Since AB 74 would lead to higher costs and increase the chances for delays, even on the System's smaller-scale construction projects, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 74 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 160 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 160 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 160 ("AB 160"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to criminal records; providing for the automatic sealing of criminal records relating to certain convictions of a person and certain charges against a person;

authorizing the Records, Communications and Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety and the Administrative Office of the Courts to adopt any rules or regulations, as applicable, necessary for the automatic sealing of criminal records; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit annual reports to the Legislature and adopt certain other rules; creating the Advisory Task Force on Automatic Record Sealing and establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit certain reports to the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Legislature; expanding the circumstances in which there is a rebuttable presumption that criminal records should be sealed; revising provisions relating to a petition to seal criminal records relating to certain charges brought against a person; applying provisions relating to records that have been sealed pursuant to certain provisions of law to records that are sealed after a court finds that a person was wrongfully convicted of a felony and enters a certificate of innocence; authorizing the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and its employees to inquire into and inspect certain sealed records relating to a violation or alleged violation of the prohibition against certain persons owning or possessing a firearm; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Currently, the Nevada Supreme Court has recognized criminal record sealing as an act of judicial grace that is only appropriate when the offender demonstrates rehabilitation. This requires an offender to submit: 1) a petition for sealing; and 2) a copy of their criminal history from the FBI. The waiting periods for processing sealing documents were drastically shortened in 2019 and it is already a heavy burden for prosecutor's offices to review and evaluate these petitions.

Instead of petitioning for sealing, this bill would require the Department of Public Safety to provide an auto-generated list containing the names of anyone convicted of a misdemeanor or certain felony drug offenses. This would, again, dramatically increase the workload on prosecuting offices which generally have a select group of staff dedicated to the time-intensive task of processing these requests. Finally, the bill removes the requirement that a hearing be conducted if the prosecuting office does not stipulate to the record-sealing, effectively making any opportunity to object to sealing functionally meaningless.

Since this bill increases the likelihood that offenders will have their records sealed even if they shouldn't be, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 160 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 172 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 172 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 172 ("AB 172"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to collective bargaining; requiring, with certain exceptions, each school district to semiannually provide each employee organization recognized by the school district certain information relating to each employee of the bargaining unit represented by the employee organization; requiring collective bargaining between the Executive Department of State Government and classified employees to include matters relating to parking and transportation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 172 creates onerous requirements related to mandatory subjects of bargaining which would place certain employees on uneven footing with their counterparts. Additionally, though the bill attempted to address privacy concerns by allowing employees to opt-out of disclosing their private information to various employee-organizations, this measure is insufficient in its actual addressal of those privacy issues. Employees should have the right to affirmatively confirm their choice to opt-in to such an organization rather than the other way around.

Since this bill is inappropriately expansive in its approach to addressing certain collective bargaining issues, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 172 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 201 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 201 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 201 ("AB 201"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to behavioral health; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to provide certain oversight and make certain recommendations concerning the children's behavioral health system of care; adding certain members to the subcommittee on the mental health of children of the Commission on Behavioral Health; prescribing certain duties of a regional behavioral health policy board; requiring a mental health consortium to submit certain documents to the Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department; clarifying the authority of the State Board of Health to require the licensing of certain facilities; requiring the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs to conduct a study of the feasibility of formulating and operating a comprehensive state plan to provide behavioral health services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 201 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to track spending and quantify cost avoidance based on that spending over time, and to report projected savings for the upcoming two years along with recommendations for the reinvestment of those savings to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on a biennial basis.

Cost avoidance is taking an action to avoid having to incur future costs. Unfortunately, these savings are not easily verifiable, especially when it comes to healthcare. Providing some medical intervention now to prevent potential future medical costs is extremely difficult because of the assumptions that those interventions indeed do prevent the future condition from occurring. Providing a report of projected savings that may occur with recommendations to spend dollars that will certainly occur only results in additional spending without assurances that savings to cover those additional costs will materialize.

This bill also adds this work without providing additional resources to the Department, making the existing employees absorb the work as "other duties as assigned".

Lastly, the bill requires a legislative study, something that can be done without legislation.

Due to the additional work and the lack of evidence that cost avoidance estimates are reliable, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 201 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 218 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 218 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 218 ("AB 218"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to real property; requiring a landlord or his or her agent to provide a tenant at least one method of paying rent or any other fee or charge that meets certain requirements; authorizing a tenant to bring a civil action against a landlord who has committed certain violations; prohibiting a landlord from charging a tenant a fee to make a payment through an Internet website or online portal that exceeds the amount of any fee charged by the operator of the Internet website or online portal for the use of such service; requiring a written rental agreement to separately identify such a fee under certain circumstances; requiring a landlord or his or her agent to provide, upon request, a copy of a written rental agreement to a prospective tenant; requiring certain references to the amount of rent due under a rental agreement to be set forth in a certain manner; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 218 as drafted would initiate a mandatory court award of treble damages to a tenant if a landlord is found to be in violation of certain provisions of NRS 118A200. It would be impossible for a landlord to comply with this bill without amending the original lease, which would require agreement from both parties. In practice, it would create an incentive for a tenant to choose not to agree to such an amendment and instead pursue legal action against a landlord. Existing leases must have been considered in this legislation for it to be remotely sensible.

Since this bill would needlessly increase the difficulties associated with renting residential properties, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 218 of the 82nd Session be placed on the Chief Clerk's Desk.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 224 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 224 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 224 ("AB 224"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to collective bargaining; authorizing collective bargaining for certain state employees; providing for the recognition of professional organizations; providing for the establishment of bargaining units and the designation of exclusive representatives; establishing certain rights for professional organizations and professional employees; establishing procedures for collective bargaining and for making collective bargaining agreements; authorizing the Government Employee-Management Relations Board to collect certain fees; prohibiting certain practices relating to collective bargaining; authorizing a state professional employer to use the services of the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration and the Attorney General for certain purposes; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to conduct collective bargaining negotiations and enter into collective bargaining agreements with certain employees; providing a civil penalty; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education already has the ability to collectively bargain, and in fact has multiple executed collective bargaining agreements currently. The provisions of Assembly Bill 224 constitute a significant expansion of the system the Board has already created for itself, and as a Constitutionally created body to oversee the system, the Board should be given deference in its policies and procedures for bargaining with its employees.

AB 224 expands collective bargaining for professional employees within NSHE, including primarily unclassified employees. I have vetoed other legislation from this session expanding collective bargaining to unclassified state employees, and AB 224 takes this expansion even further by including in the definition of professional employee part time and seasonal faculty who work at least 90 days a year. This expansion would capture employees currently considered at-will, teaching as few as one course per semester.

This bill also does not recognize important management rights that are reserved for other employers under NRS 288, such as the right to determine appropriate staffing levels and work performance standards, except for safety considerations. The right to determine means and methods of providing services to the public is also subject to bargaining in this legislation, however that is the core mission of the system and should be reserved for management.

Management dynamics of a complex institution are also undermined through AB 224's requirement for arbitration of grievances, rather than utilizing the long-standing process developed through the shared-governance system that incorporates the voices of faculty senates throughout the system.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 224 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 242 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 242 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 242 ("AB 242"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring ballots and votes be counted using a mechanical voting system; revising provisions relating to accommodations for certain voters who are elderly or have a disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 242 is well intended in that it aims to clarify and provide uniformity to the systems jurisdictions are permitted to use for casting, registering, and recording votes. However, the bill's prohibition against any hand-counting of ballots is an impermissible transgression upon the right and, indeed, duty, of duly elected county officials to ensure their vote counting procedures are best-aligned with the needs of their electorate.

Since this bill needlessly restricts the autonomy provided to county officials to conduct the functions necessary to their elected position, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 242 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 243 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 243 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 243 ("AB 243"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to legislative affairs; making various changes relating to legislative interim committees and presiding officers of those committees; revising provisions relating to Joint Interim Standing Committees; revising the deadline to submit an application to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education to serve on the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force; repealing the requirement that the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services review certain regulations; revising provisions relating to legislative committee members and staff regulated by the Nevada Lobbying Disclosure and Regulation Act and Nevada Financial Disclosure Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Since there is broad disagreement amongst legislators over management of their own branch of government, this change is inappropriate at this time.

For this reason, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly
Bill No. 243 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 246 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 246 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 246 ("AB 246"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring, under certain circumstances, the Secretary of State, county clerks and city clerks to ensure that voting materials and certain other elections information are posted on certain Internet websites and made available in certain languages; requiring the Secretary of State to establish a toll free telephone number which may be used for a person to receive language interpretation or translation assistance relating to an election; requiring such telephone number to be posted at each polling place and on certain Internet websites and included on sample ballots; requiring the Secretary of State to include certain information related to a registered voter's preferred language on an application to register to vote; requiring county and city clerks to make a good faith effort to appoint election board officers who are bilingual; revising the information relating to

registered voters that is required to be included on the statewide voter registration list; requiring, under certain circumstances, a mechanical voting system to list offices, candidates and ballot measures in a voter's preferred language; creating and setting forth the membership and duties of the Language Access Advisory Committee; making an appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for certain expenses relating to language access and the establishment of a toll-free telephone number; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 246 is well intended inasmuch as it is critical that individuals are not intimidated by a language barrier on election day. That said, Nevada's current laws sufficiently accomplish the goal of ensuring language accessibility in accordance with Federal law. Moreover, existing Nevada law also grants county and city clerks the authority to provide voting materials in languages even above the Federal requirement if the clerk "determines there is a significant and substantial need for [such additional] voting materials[.]" NRS 293.2699.

Since Nevada is compliant with federal law and local officers are already empowered to provide election materials in additional languages at their discretion, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 246 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 258 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 258 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 258 ("AB 258") which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring, with certain exceptions, a governmental entity to keep confidential certain personal information regarding donors, members or volunteers of a nonprofit organization; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, a governmental entity from requesting or releasing certain personal information regarding donors, members or volunteers of a nonprofit organization; making an appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the Office of the Attorney General to fund certain positions; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Though it is an admirable goal for the government to keep the type of information in AB 258 confidential, this bill goes too far in attempting to ensure this end is accomplished. The bill stipulates a \$2,500 minimum and a \$7,500 maximum damage award for those who allege the government violated the provisions of Section 2, subsections 1 or 2. This is problematic because there is not necessarily any rational relation between the "damages" mandated in the bill and the harm suffered by the complainant. Moreover, and most critically, the bill contains no requirement

that the claimant, his or herself, has suffered *any* actual harm as a result of the government's alleged failure to comply with those provisions.

Since this bill stipulates arbitrary damages awards and allows virtually anybody to pursue a claim under its provisions, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 258 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 281 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street,
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 281 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 281 ("AB 281"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to health care; requiring the administrator of a senior living facility to ensure a senior living facility is equipped with functional ventilation and filtration systems; establishing requirements for the assessment of and any improvement to such ventilation and filtration systems; requiring certain personnel to complete an assessment report on such a ventilation or filtration system; requiring the administrator of a senior living facility to prepare a report on such a ventilation or filtration system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

It is important to ensure senior living facilities have good indoor air quality and functioning heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. It is incumbent upon operators of these facilities to ensure these systems are working properly and that resident comfort and safety issues are timely addressed.

However, nothing currently prohibits this work from being done in the absence of this bill's passage. The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health ("DPBH") can currently grant federal funding available for this work to the operators of these facilities. Having the bill sunset when federal funding is no longer available recognizes the unsustainability of this language.

Requiring that this work be completed only by certain personnel and having the report be reviewed by a mechanical engineer in accordance with the latest standards may result in significant upgrade costs to the operators of certain facilities which may not meet new standards that were adopted after the subject facility was built. While the intent is to have these projects funded with grants, the process to apply for and receive such grants by the operators is not addressed.

Further, allowing new standards to automatically go into effect only 60 days after publication does not allow sufficient time to review any changes and determine their potential impact on the operators.

Lastly, the fiscal note submitted by DPBH was not funded. Not funding the implementation costs would result in the work being added to existing-already overworked-staff as "other duties as assigned."

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 281 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 305 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 305 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 305 ("AB 305"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to public works; requiring, with certain exceptions, a contractor or subcontractor to comply with certain requirements relating to the use of apprentices who are women on a public work; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 305 is well intended insofar as we should encourage women to work and build careers in trade industries. That said, this bill, at present, is impracticable. There are less than 250 female apprentices statewide, and many essential trades have zero enrolled female apprentices. After reviewing the benchmarks provided in this bill, it would be nearly impossible to reach certain of the provided employment targets. Nevada should not be in the business of creating laws with which compliance is virtually impossible.

For these reasons, I veto AB 305 and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 305 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 319 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 319 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 319 ("AB 319"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT [*sic*] making an appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of awarding grants of money to Nevada school districts to provide universal free breakfast and lunch for Nevada pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Ensuring students have proper nutrition in order to facilitate learning is an important goal. So, too, is reducing the stigma sometimes associated with students who receive free or reduced price school lunches. However, subsidizing those who can afford to provide their children with lunch and addressing food waste in school cafeterias are also good policies.

Studies have shown that up to 73 percent of food provided through school lunch programs ends up in the trash. Based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition guidelines, certain foods purchased are things kids are not likely to eat. Providing universal-free lunch will increase the amount of food purchased and, unfortunately, ultimately thrown away.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, free school meals were available only to students meeting income requirements for free or reduced-price lunches or attending schools that qualified under an alternative school-specific exception. During the first two full school years of the pandemic, the USDA issued waivers allowing schools to be reimbursed for meals to all students. This waiver expired at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. As the pandemic has ended, most states have reverted to pre-pandemic school breakfast and lunch programs where those who can afford to pay for their children's meals while those who qualify for free and reduced-price meals submit applications to the school districts.

Of the almost 490,000 students enrolled in Nevada schools during the 2022-2023 school year, more than 201,000 students are eligible to enroll in the free or reduced lunch program through the USDA - Food and Nutrition Service's National School Lunch Program. If a school district meets the criteria under the USDA's Community Eligibility Program, up to 100% of their schools within a district will have access to free and reduced-price meals for students - approximately 660 schools statewide meet the USDA's criteria for free meals for all their students.

This is also a responsibility that should be determined at a district level to properly recognize the differences amongst the school districts throughout the state. Districts have access to a record amount of resources, including the funding available through SB 231, to implement the school food programs that are right for them in the upcoming biennium while they work with parents and the community to design a permanent, sustainable program for following biennium.

Districts also need to ensure annual applications are submitted by eligible students to maximize federal funding under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Districts should also look to the U.S. Department of Education Community Eligibility Program to determine if additional federal funding may be available through that program.

Universal free lunch programs were subsidized while responding to the impacts of COVID-19, and were always paid through federal funding sources. These funding sources are no longer available, and district officials should build programs appropriate to their needs. With COVID-19 behind us, it is time to return to the normalcy of pre-pandemic operations.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 319 of the 82nd Session be placed on the Chief Clerk's Desk.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 322 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 322 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 322 ("AB 322"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to public health; prohibiting a person from selling or offering to sell a kratom product to an end user unless the kratom product has been registered with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; setting forth requirements for the registration of a kratom product with the Division; requiring a person who registers a kratom product to pay certain expenses and report certain information relating to the kratom product to the Division; authorizing the Division to adopt certain regulations governing kratom products; revising provisions establishing certain prohibited acts relating to kratom products; exempting a person who engages in certain acts relating to kratom products from certain criminal or legal penalties if certain substances in those products are designated as controlled substances; providing penalties; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Though this bill is partially well-intended in its aim to provide regulatory clarity for an existing market, this bill is fundamentally flawed. There are no approved uses of kratom by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Moreover, there is significant concern regarding the psychiatric, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, and respiratory issues this substance is known to cause. Kratom is unsafe. Though an outright ban on this readily available product would be appropriate, that is not what this legislation does. Instead, it creates a regulatory structure for this product, suggesting that the state approves of its use. I cannot support that suggestion.

There is simply not enough evidence to support standing up a kratom regulatory structure that cannot ensure user safety when purchasing and consuming products regulated through the provisions in this bill.

Due to the considerable safety concerns associated with kratom and its lack of any federally approved therapeutic use, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 322 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 334 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 334 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 334 ("AB 334"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to insurance; requiring, under certain circumstances, an insurer that requires the inspection or further inspection of a motor vehicle for repair relating to a claim to conduct the inspection or further inspection within a certain period of time; providing an administrative penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 334 would attempt to expedite the timeline for repairs of Nevadans' automobiles. Unfortunately, this good intention is not met, and this bill has significant potential to create unintended consequences.

At its most basic, the inspection process timeline established by AB 334 conflicts with and undermines the claims resolution process and would make Nevada's among the most restrictive timelines in the nation. The claims resolution process for insurers is set out at NAC 686A.600 through NAC 686A.680. AB 334 ignores the entirety of liability determination in a third-party claim in favor of a single unworkable timeline.

This one-size-fits-all approach to a dynamic and complicated issue is likely to exacerbate problems rather than solve them.

At a time when Nevadans are already paying some of the highest insurance rates in the United States and the highest among the western states¹, additional, extreme constraints could raise rates even further - a hidden tax working Nevadans can ill afford.

Additionally, the enactment of restrictive timelines on inspection could compromise the quality and cost effectiveness of auto repairs for consumers, further prolonging an already difficult situation for Nevadans. Further, modern vehicles are comprised of multiple, complicated systems - ensuring that repairs are necessary and done expertly cannot be constrained into such a short window.

The bill does not address concerns surrounding work force shortages and supply chain constraints in both the body shop and insurance industries - a result of the pandemic that continues to reverberate.

Restrictive timelines create the potential for fraud in claims handling by withdrawing the ability for thoughtful consideration of claims and necessary repairs from the equation in favor of speed. And the bill would leave out the costs of rental cars, other transportation costs, and storage should the short time frame be missed.

The Nevada Division of Insurance has both the capability and the authority to review any complaints regarding the insurance industry.

Since AB 334 could lead to higher costs for Nevadans and creates an unworkable timeline for complex processes, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

¹ See, <https://www.reviewjournal.com/business/peronal-finance/nevada-car-insurance-rates-among-highest-in-nation-2772246/>

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 334 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 340 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 340 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 340 ("AB 340"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to property; revising provisions relating to summary evictions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 340 would restructure Nevada's summary eviction process in a manner that would impose additional and unnecessary delays and costs on those seeking to remove individuals who unlawfully remain on their property after the termination of their lease. This bill would make our summary eviction process more time-consuming than our peer states and would create ambiguous threshold standards which could be ruled upon by a judge without any formal hearing, providing insufficient protections for Nevada property owners.

Since this bill makes Nevada an inhospitable environment for residential lessors, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 340 of the 82nd Session be placed on the Chief Clerk's Desk.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 371 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 371 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 371 ("AB 371"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to parentage; adopting provisions of the Uniform Parentage Act; revising provisions relating to the establishment of a parent and child relationship and the presumption of parentage; establishing provisions concerning the voluntary acknowledgment of parentage and denial of parentage by certain persons; authorizing the State Board of Health to adopt regulations relating to an acknowledgment of parentage or denial of parentage; establishing provisions governing genetic testing in proceedings to adjudicate parentage; establishing and revising various provisions relating to proceedings to adjudicate parentage; authorizing a person who claims to be a de facto parent of a child to be adjudicated as a parent of the child in certain circumstances; authorizing a court to adjudicate a child to have more than two parents in certain circumstances; establishing and revising provisions relating to assisted reproduction and gestational agreements; providing

for the right of a gestational carrier to make all health care decisions regarding the gestational carrier and the pregnancy of the gestational carrier; repealing various provisions relating to parentage; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 371 is aimed at the admirable goal of streamlining certain decisions related to parentage. That said, this bill would codify a uniform set of laws that have only been implemented in a significant minority of states. Moreover, the changes contained in this bill would inevitably hamstring judges in making certain case-by-case determinations related to parentage which, by their very nature, will likely be more focused on finding the best solution possible for the family or families before their court.

Since AB 371 would unavoidably decrease judicial discretion regarding critical issues to Nevadan families, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 371 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 383 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 383 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 383 ("AB 383"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to health care; prohibiting a governmental entity from substantially burdening certain activity relating to reproductive health services under certain circumstances; authorizing a person whose engagement in such activity has been so burdened to assert the violation as a claim or defense in a judicial proceeding; authorizing a court to award damages against a governmental entity that substantially burdens such activity in certain circumstances; expanding required coverage of contraception under the State Plan for Medicaid; making appropriations to and authorizing expenditures by the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill restricts any government agency from limiting, in any way, reproductive health services.

Based on definitions in the bill and existing statute, that would prohibit, for example, a local school district from creating a policy restricting a school nurse from providing abortion counseling and referral services.

Critically, this bill would effectively place any control over decisions related to reproductive care, financing, and education in the hands of today's state policy-makers instead of tomorrow's local officials. Additionally, through Section 6.2, this bill attempts to restrict the activities of future legislatures in their ability to set policy for the state. Local officials should be empowered to make decisions on any lawful subject before them.

Notwithstanding the stated policy concerns, AB 383 would likely lead to increased litigation for both government agencies and for healthcare providers as Section 7 authorizes legal claims to be made for purported violations, including the automatic awarding of costs and attorney's fees.

Since this bill would unnecessarily restrict local officials' autonomy and expose government agencies to costly litigation, potentially including exorbitant and unpredictable attorneys' fees, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 383 of the 82nd Session be placed on the Chief Clerk's Desk.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 437 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 437 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 437 ("AB 437"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to providers of health care; limiting the amount a provider of health care may charge to fill out certain forms necessary to take a leave of absence authorized by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Though AB 437 is aimed at the admirable goal of ensuring inexpensive access to certain care, this bill is an unreasonable transgression into standard business activity. Virtually all these consultations are performed on a one-time basis and require additional staff processing time, the cost of which is better determined by individual providers than the Legislature.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 437 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 439 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 439 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 439 ("AB 439"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to insurance; providing, with certain exceptions, that no provision for arbitration in a contract for health insurance is binding upon any person insured under the contract who makes a claim; repealing certain provisions related to provisions for arbitration in a contract for health insurance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The Federal Arbitration Act ("FAA") has been effective since 1926 and was enacted, in part, to streamline adjudicative services so plaintiffs could avoid the sluggish, costly process of litigation. Since then, the United States Supreme Court has repeatedly held that state rules that burden the formation of arbitration agreements stand as an obstacle to the FAA. Recently, in *Kindred Nursing Centers Ltd. Partnership v. Clark*, the Court determined that when a rule "singles out arbitration agreements for disfavored treatment" then it violates the FAA. 581 U.S. 246, 248 (2017). AB 439 would do exactly that by placing multiple kinds of agreed-upon arbitration provisions on unequal footing with other agreed-upon contracts.

Since AB 439 stands in contrast to existing Court precedent regarding arbitration agreements, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 439 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 498 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 498 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 498 ("AB 498"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to public employees' retirement; revising the calculation of contribution rates to the Public Employees' Retirement System from state employees and employers; revising the contribution rates for the separate retirement program provided by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

While it is important to properly compensate our State employees, AB 498 marks a dramatic departure from the existing law regarding the split of retirement contributions between the employer and the employee. As a result, the additional costs to the State budget associated with this change are unknown and present a permanent and potentially unsustainable increase that could result in the inability to fund other important programs going forward.

I signed AB 522, the employee-pay bill ("Unclassified Pay Bill"), which included a 7% cost of living adjust in Fiscal Year 2025 if AB 498 is not approved. That increase is on top of the 10% to 13% increase in Fiscal Year 2024 and the 4% increase I initially included in my budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Those increases, along with the other benefit changes made in the Unclassified Pay Bill, will go a long way in making State employee compensation competitive with local governments and the private sector.

Given the uncertainty around the costs associated with AB 498 and the pay increases included in AB 522, I cannot support this bill.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 498 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Vetoed Assembly Bill No. 527 of the 82nd Session.

Bill read.

Governor's message stating his objections as follows.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR JOE LOMBARDO

June 16, 2023

THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO AGUILAR, NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE, 101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 527 of the 82nd Legislative Session

DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE AGUILAR:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 527 ("AB 527") which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to state financial administration; revising requirements relating to the preparation of the state budget; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This bill requires the Governor to consider appropriations to the budgets of the Legislative and Judicial branches as well as those of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in the calculation of the five percent minimum ending fund balance for purposes of submitting the Governor's Recommended Budget to the Legislature.

While these are currently considered, the large increase in the Legislative budget for the upcoming biennium and the inability of the Governor to have any control over amounts when considering the priorities of State government, especially during the times of an economic downturn, would potentially put the Governor in the position of having to cut programs or personnel to balance a budget. Further, the Legislature is not bound to the five percent minimum ending fund balance so their merit can be decided during the Legislative session.

Since this bill decreases Nevada's flexibility in the event we experience economic uncertainty, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Assemblymember Jauregui moved no further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 527 of the 82nd Session.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the Assembly adjourn until Monday, February 10, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., and that it do so in memory of Officer Jason Roscow.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Approved:

STEVE YEAGER
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: BONNIE BORDA HOFFECKER
Chief Clerk of the Assembly