

Assembly Committee on Government Affairs
Chairman, Committee Members
Senior Coalition of Washoe County
Re: AB145
March 10, 2025

For the Record, I'm Connie McMullen, representing the Senior Coalition of Washoe County, a nonprofit of 30 businesses and organizations serving Washoe County since 1997. The Senior Coalition is in favor of AB145 supporting Nevada veterans, their family members and spouse.

The Coalition favors the hiring of a Veterans Coordinator, and the creation of a peer mentor program for veterans that supports recruitment and retention of employees, raises awareness of career opportunities through outreach, and helps with employee morale through veteran recognition events and activities. Veterans may need support to adjust to everyday living, and assistance from a veteran peer is ideal as they share the same culture and life experience. Additionally, the Coalition endorses not charging a fee for the interment of the spouse of a veteran in a Nevada veterans' cemetery.

And finally, the Coalition is in support of an annual permit to state parks and recreation areas that is free of charge for family members of a person killed in the line of duty. Access to Nevada's parks and recreation area's offer a unique experience and is a kind gesture that the state can provide.

Thank you for consideration of the Senior Coalition's supporting remarks, and thank you for your service to the state of Nevada.

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