

TESTIMONY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS



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Chair Flores and Members of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs,

Nevada Policy strongly supports SB 340 which aims to strengthen legislative oversight over executive agency regulations, ensuring that all regulations remain within statutory authority and legislative intent. This bill provides critical safeguards against regulatory overreach and enhances public accountability.

The core provision of SB 340 is the petition process in Section 3, which allows individuals to challenge regulations that:

1. **Exceed statutory authority**—preventing agencies from imposing rules without legislative approval.
2. **Contradict legislative intent**—ensuring that agency actions do not undermine the laws passed by elected officials.
3. **Are inconsistently applied**—holding agencies accountable for enforcing rules fairly and transparently.

This process provides a formal mechanism for Nevadans to challenge burdensome or unclear regulations, strengthening government accountability and encouraging political participation.

Additionally, the Legislative Commission, composed of six senators and six assemblymembers, would ensure that regulatory decisions reflect a balanced, bipartisan, and representative body. This structure prevents unilateral decisions by a single agency and promotes rational and well-reasoned oversight.

Finally, the bill will enhance transparency and public participation by requiring oral hearings on all proposed regulations, allowing stakeholders to provide input and publishing an electronic registry of regulations, making it easier for businesses and the public to track regulatory changes.

SB 340 is a step toward stronger government accountability and transparency. We urge the committee to support this bill to uphold the constitutional balance of power.

Thank you.



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