

April 7 2025
Nevada Legislature
Assembly Committee on Revenue



RE: Statement in Support of AB539

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce (HCC), which represents over 2,000 members, most of which are small businesses, we would like to express our support for AB539 which would authorize the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation to establish and carry out a program for the placement of career coaches in Nevada's middle and junior high schools.

Workforce development is a priority of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce and by integrating career exploration and readiness into the educational experience before high school, we ensure that students are more aware of the opportunities available to them, whether through academic pathways, technical training, or industry certifications. This legislation also promotes collaboration between educators, local governments, business leaders, and regional development authorities. This type of public-private partnership strengthens Nevada's talent pipeline and aligns education with the real-world needs of our workforce and economy.

By enabling the Governor's Office to apply for funding and form strategic partnerships, this bill allows Nevada to leverage resources and expertise that already exist in our communities to build a brighter future for our youth. For these reasons, we are in support of AB539.

Respectfully,

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Aviva Gordon
Chair, Legislative Committee
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