



Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity-Nevada and our activists across the state, we urge you to support SB 130, a bill that among other things authorizes the State Contractors' Board to issue a restricted contractor's license under specific conditions. Americans for Prosperity supports self-employment pathways for workers because it allows individuals to enjoy flexible working arrangements that empower them to chart their own career success and create a life that works for them.

This bill is a thoughtful and practical update that reflects the realities and needs of today's workforce. By creating a new category of restricted licenses, SB130 opens the door for skilled individuals, who may not yet meet the full requirements for a general contractor's license, to begin working legally and responsibly within a defined scope and monetary limit.

SB130 creates a meaningful pathway for experienced tradespeople who may have faced barriers—financial, educational, or bureaucratic—to entering the licensed contractor workforce. By requiring experience, an entry-level exam, and business counseling, the bill ensures that licensees are competent and prepared, while also supporting career advancement. The \$7,000 monetary cap (with flexibility for adjustment) allows individuals and small businesses to perform limited-scope jobs such as home repairs or small remodels. This is especially beneficial for sole proprietors, minority-owned businesses, and entrepreneurs who seek to build a reputation and clientele before pursuing a full contractor's license.

The bill wisely excludes complex trades such as plumbing, electrical, refrigeration, and air-conditioning from the scope of the restricted license, preserving safety and regulatory integrity. At the same time, it encourages individuals who might otherwise operate without a license to come into the fold legally.

In closing, SB130 modernizes our licensing system by recognizing the diversity of skill levels in the field and promoting lawful work opportunities while maintaining public safety and accountability. It provides a clear bridge for emerging contractors to gain experience, build financial capacity, and ultimately qualify for unrestricted licensure while also balancing innovation with oversight, and provides time for public input and thoughtful implementation.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge this committee to support SB130 and vote in favor of its passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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