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- Good afternoon. I am Anthony Curry, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy for Opportunity 180, a nonprofit organization working towards a North Star of every kid graduating high school college and career ready, prepared to live the life they dream. We are here to testify in Neutral.
- In our work, we advocate for a high-quality public education for every student in Nevada and the conditions necessary for all high-quality public schools – district and charter – to have the most impact on students. We also advocate for strong accountability measures that help to ensure every student receives an education that meets their needs and sets them up for a strong future.
- We appreciate SB 460 providing for increased accountability in the form of school improvement plans, principal accountability, grants for literacy support, and strengthening the teacher pipeline. We also appreciate the Senate Majority Leader's support of Pre-K initiatives, which will help ensure every Nevada student is on the earliest possible pathway for success. Additionally we are encouraged by the proposed amendment's inclusion of charter school teachers in the salary increases provided to traditional district teachers in 2023.
- As a State, we know we have work to do to improve outcomes and ensure every kid has access to a great public school – whether district or charter – and doing so in a way that preserves charter school autonomy and ensures deeper accountability for District schools. We hope to work with the Majority Leader and her cosponsors as this Bill moves forward to continue to strengthen the key provisions that align with what students and families are asking to see in public education, in service of the outcomes we know are possible for Nevada students.