



Clark County Education Association



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Nevada Assembly Committee on Education
C/O Chair Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod
401 S Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Public Comment for February 16, 2021 Assembly Education Hearing AB38: Revises provisions relating to career and technical education and work-based learning. (BDR 34-302).

Hello and thank you Committee Chairwoman Bilbray-Axelrod, and committee members. My name is Hawah Ahmad, and I am a proud graduate of Washoe County School District, here representing the Clark County Education Association.

The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) represents more than 18,000 licensed professionals in Clark County School District. We are the largest independent teachers union in the country and in the State of Nevada. We engage in bipartisan advocacy for advancing public education in Nevada.

CCEA would like to voice our support for Assembly Bill 38 and would like to thank the Department of Education for bringing forth this bill. CCEA supports investing in the Nevada Education System to ensure that we have the skilled workforce necessary for a diversified economy. We believe this bill will help streamline the efficiency for work-based learning and will help to ensure that every stakeholder's voice is heard to ensure that every work-based program in K-12 is outcome determinative to either a certification or credential to further education to employment, or directly to employment.

As we navigate these complex times, we must ensure that we strategically invest our time, money, and efforts to provide opportunities to our students. All hands must be on deck to ensure that our existing work-based programs are strengthened, while we ensure that we create programs to fill current and projected job openings. CCEA must emphasize that the path to rebuilding Nevada's economy and to economic diversification and workforce development, we MUST invest in K-20.

CCEA appreciates the efforts of this committee and all stakeholders for this bill and supports all efforts that foster integrated learning opportunities that lead to skill and workforce development. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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