

April 5, 2021

Nevada Senate Committee on Government Affairs
C/O Chair Senator Dondero Loop
401 S Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Public Comment for April 5, 2021: SB110: Revises provisions relating to businesses engaged in the development of emerging technologies. (BDR 18-447)

Good afternoon, Committee Chairwoman Dondero Loop, and committee members. My name is Hawah Ahmad, and I am here representing the Clark County Education Association. The Clark County Education Association (CCEA) is the official bargaining partner for the Clark County School District and represents more than 18,000 licensed professionals. We engage in bipartisan advocacy for advancing public education in Clark County and Nevada and believe that the key to the economic development and diversification and workforce development is found in the K through 20 educational delivery system.

CCEA is testifying in support of Senate Bill 110. It is not a secret in the business world that emerging technologies are not all market disrupters, but they are all the future. As such, it is important for our state to be at the forefront of the developments in block chain, artificial intelligence, and every other technology that is currently a dream waiting to be turned into reality. When it comes to training our prospective workforces in Nevada, we must recognize the position of opportunity we are in where we can formulate task forces, such as this one, that stimulate further growth and innovation.

We would like to thank Senator Spearman for the Senator's attention to detail and recognition that naming individuals from NSHE and K-12 will help to streamline the development of curricula that will take emerging technologies from theory to practice. Additionally, recent business studies have been promoting the idea that a diverse, inclusive, equitable and accessible business with individuals from all backgrounds better stimulates innovation and growth of technologies by adding more perspectives to the business model. That is why we support the diversity language that will help to ensure that students in our lowest socioeconomic neighborhoods are not forgotten and that curriculum is developed with them in mind.

We would like to thank Senator Spearman for bringing this bill forward and are looking forward to doing all we can to ensure that we have positive growth from our post pandemic world that leads to economic diversification and development and workforce development.

Respectfully,
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