



Legislative Update

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Dear Neighbor,

The Legislature is hard at work here in Carson City! I am happy to report that "Nevada Jobs First" (A.B. 144) has passed the Assembly with overwhelming support. "Nevada Jobs First" legislation gives priority in bidding on state and local public works projects to Nevada businesses that employ Nevada workers. The legislation is critically important in addressing both our record unemployment and the incredible damage done to the construction sector by the economic crisis.

We are also continuing to review the Governor's budget. On Monday, February 28, the joint education subcommittee of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing from 5 pm to 7 pm at Green Valley High School in Henderson, NV. The format will be similar to the recent town hall; those attending will have the opportunity to testify on the proposed K-12 budget with members of the joint subcommittee there to listen.

More than 800 attended a January town hall meeting, and we are hoping to have an equally strong turnout for this hearing.

Because I do not serve on the subcommittee, I will be in Carson City attending other committee meetings on that day, but I will certainly be monitoring the results of the hearing so that I, too, can hear what people are saying about the future of education in our community and state.

As always, I want to hear from you about any issues or concern. Please email me at mkirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us or you can call me at 702-486-2626.

I hope you will follow the legislative process by attending meetings and hearings if you can, and by logging on to our website, www.leg.state.nv.us, to listen to or view committee hearings. I also want to encourage you to check out the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System, NELIS, which allows you to view online language and exhibits being discussed in committee hearings in real time. This new program improves transparency, reduces the amount of paper used by the legislature, and saves taxpayers millions of dollars.

Again, please contact me any time. I look forward to hearing from you and will make every effort to reply promptly.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Kirkpatrick