### STATE OF NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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## LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, NRS 233B.066 LCB FILE NO. R048-14

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") submits the following informational statement for its adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 281A.

#### 1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The need for and purpose of the proposed permanent regulation is to reflect amendments to NRS Chapter 281A enacted by Senate Bill 228 of the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (Chapter 551, 2013 Statutes of Nevada) and staffing changes authorized by the Commission's Legislatively Approved FY14-15 Biennial Budget for budget account 1343, decision unit E 250, including provisions relating to Commission procedures regarding jurisdiction, notice and investigations of third-party requests for opinion, confidentiality of certain information and documents which are used by the Commission and staff of the Commission, the applicability of certain relationships as those within the third degree of consanguinity, and other matters related thereto. (NRS 233B.0603(1)(a)(1))

# 2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

In accordance with NRS Chapters 233B and 241, the Commission posted the proposed permanent regulation approved by the Legislative Counsel, the notice of workshop and the notice of intent to act upon the proposed permanent regulation on Commission's website at http://ethics.nv.gov, and in various other public locations, including the county libraries. In addition to the public libraries, the locations included:

- The Nevada Legislature's Administrative Regulations Notices website: http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/
- Nevada Public Notice Website: http://notice.nv.gov
- State Library & Archives Building, 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City
- Blasdel Building, 209 E. Musser Street, Carson City
- Washoe County Administration Building, 1001 East 9th Street, Reno
- Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas

The Commission conducted a public workshop on May 22, 2014 in Carson City, Nevada and a public hearing on June 11, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Commission solicited

public comment on the proposed permanent regulation via written comment in advance of the respective hearings and/or personal appearance during the hearings. The Commission received no public comment.

A copy of this summary of the public response to the proposed permanent regulation may be obtained from the Nevada Commission on Ethics at 704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 204, Carson City, NV 89703, or from the Commission's website at http://ethics.nv.gov.

#### 3. The number of persons who:

Attended each hearing:

Testified at each hearing:

None

None

Submitted written comments:

None

4. A list of names and contact information, including telephone number, business address, business telephone number, electronic mail address, and name of entity or organization represented, for each person identified above in #3, as provided to the agency.

No persons attended the workshop or public hearing or submitted written comments to the Commission.

5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

In accordance with NRS 233B.0608, the Commission determined that the proposed permanent regulation would not affect any small businesses because it would not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. The provisions of NRS 281A govern only the conduct of public officials and employees to ensure that they commit themselves to avoid conflicts between their private interests and the interests of the public that they serve.

The Commission issued a statement in accordance with NRS 233B.0608(3) outlining its concerted effort to determine no impact on small business. *See* Statement Regarding Small Business Impact. Accordingly, small businesses were solicited in the same manner as the general public identified in Question No. 2 and a copy of this summary may be obtained as identified in Question No. 2.

6. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

The regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed permanent regulation approved by the Legislative Counsel because no public or small business comments were made before or during the workshop or public hearing.

- 7. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:
  - a. Both adverse and beneficial effects; and

Adoption of this regulation does not create any known adverse economic or beneficial effects on the public or public officers and employees under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

b. Both immediate and long-term effects.

Adoption of this Regulation does not create any known immediate or long-term economic effects on the public or the public officers and employees under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

None.

9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The proposed permanent regulation does not duplicate or overlap any other state, federal or other governmental agency's regulations.

10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

N/A

11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

The proposed permanent regulation does not establish any new fees or increase any existing fees.