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October 22, 2020

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Antinette Maestes, Secretary/Treasurer State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board 4710 East Flamingo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-4709

Dear Ms. Hathaway and Ms. Maestes:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 232B.210) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to confirm the actions taken by the Subcommittee related to the State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board (Barbers' Board) (NRS 643.020). On August 31, 2020, the Subcommittee voted to continue the Barbers' Board with the recommendation that the State Board of Cosmetology (Cosmetology Board) (NRS 644A.200) serve in a mentor capacity for the Barbers' Board to allow it to replicate some of the best practices of the Cosmetology Board. The Barbers' Board was asked to report back to the Legislature on or before the first day of the 2021 Session on its progress regarding: (1) website development; (2) modernization of practices; (3) cooperation with the Cosmetology Board; (4) increasing the frequency of testing and licensing, preferably to an on-demand model; and (5) allowing payments to be made online via a credit card. If the legislature does not take action on the initial report, the Barbers' Board was asked to make an additional report to the Subcommittee during the 2021–2022 Interim on its progress.

The Subcommittee noted that the Barbers' Board had made efforts to address concerns raised during its review of the Board on <u>February 21, 2020</u>. Two examples of these efforts are:

 On May 31, 2020, the Barbers' Board voted to hire Continental Management Consultants to redo and update the Board's website to allow for credit card payments and more online accessibility; and Royal Byron was appointed to the Board in July 2020, replacing Nathaniel K. LaShore, whose approximately 30 years of service far exceeded the statutory limit of three four-year terms set forth in NRS 643.020.

Please email the first requested report on or before February 1, 2021, to Jennifer Ruedy (<u>jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), to ensure that a copy is distributed to all members of the Subcommittee prior to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruedy or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

PS/jc:W205003

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Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair Senate Committee on Finance 246 Garfield Drive Henderson, Nevada 89074-1027

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair Assembly Committee on Ways and Means 5540 East Cartwright Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89110-3802

Dear Ms. Brown, Senator Woodhouse, and Assemblywoman Carlton:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to request that the executive secretary position, prescribed by <u>NRS 213.1085</u>, for the State Board of Parole Commissioners (<u>NRS 213.108</u>) be budgeted for and included in the unclassified pay bill for the 2021 Session of the Nevada Legislature. The Subcommittee reviewed the State Board of Parole Commissioners on <u>February 21, 2020</u>, and Christopher P. DeRicco, Chair of the Board, testified that the executive secretary position has been incorrectly classified as an executive assistant in unclassified pay bills since the 2005 Session of the Nevada Legislature. See the attached letter requesting that the Interim Finance Committee take corrective action related to <u>Assembly Bill 542</u> (2019).

As work on the budget is underway, I did not want to delay transmitting the actions of the Subcommittee; therefore, I have asked Jennifer Ruedy (<u>iruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), to ensure that a copy of this letter be provided to the chair of the Senate Committee on Finance

for the 2021 Session of the Nevada Legislature. I wish Senator Woodhouse well as she retires from legislative service.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruedy, Mr. DeRicco, or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

PS/jc:W205077

Att

cc: Eileen O'Grady, Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB Jennifer Ruedy, Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB Christopher P. DeRicco, Chair, State Board of Parole Commissioners Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB Wayne Thorley, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB

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VIA EMAIL

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Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst Fiscal Analysis Division Legislative Counsel Bureau 401 S. Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Dear Mr. Krmpotic and Ms. Coffman:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to request your review of an error in the unclassified pay bill approved by the 2019 Legislature (<u>Assembly Bill 542</u>). The Subcommittee reviewed the State Board of Parole Commissioners (<u>NRS 213.108</u>) on <u>February 21, 2020</u>, and Christopher P. DeRicco, Chair of the Board, testified that the executive secretary position prescribed by <u>NRS 213.1085</u> was incorrectly classified as an executive assistant in AB 542. Mr. DeRicco noted that this error has occurred in each of the unclassified pay bills since 2005 (<u>AB 577</u>). Note the change from secretary in <u>AB 555</u> (2003) to assistant, with a lower salary, in the 2005 legislation.

The Board met on April 19, 2018, and approved a request to correct the position title to executive secretary. The Board also recommended the appropriate wage increase to the executive secretary's compensation to \$62,995 (Employer Paid) and/or \$78,806 (Employee/Employer Paid). The title, executive assistant, is not in compliance with NRS 213.1085, nor does the Board have the funding or legislative authority to increase the salary for this position to that of an executive secretary. Subsection 2 of Section 2 of AB 542 authorizes the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) to notify the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) of any "error that misrepresents the maximum salary intended to be set forth" and authorizes the IFC to "establish the appropriate title and maximum salary for the position pursuant to the intent of the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature."

On <u>August 31, 2020</u>, the Subcommittee voted to send two letters related to this error—the first to the Senate and Assembly Fiscal Analysts requesting that IFC make the necessary

corrections in the short term, and the second to the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor; the Senate Committee on Finance; and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means requesting that the executive secretary position, with the corresponding compensation, be included in the unclassified pay bill for the 2021 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Thank you for your attention to this matter; it is important that staff be compensated accurately for their efforts on behalf of the State of Nevada. Please contact Jennifer Ruedy (jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB; Mr. DeRicco; or me if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

PS/jc:W205079

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Dear Dr. Hedger, Dr. Pennell, Dr. Prabhu, Dr. Sharp, Ms. Sherych, Mr. Shubert, and Mr. Watts:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to advise you of action taken by the Subcommittee at its final meeting and work session on August 31, 2020.

The Subcommittee learned of some delays in the death reporting process at its meeting on June 30, 2020. On August 31, 2020, one of the actions supported by the Subcommittee to address these delays was to send a letter to the seven different parties receiving this letter to encourage their continued discussion to improve the timeliness of death reporting. As part of this effort, the Subcommittee recommends continued efforts to increase awareness of recent changes to NRS through Senate Bill 291 (2017), which amended NRS 440.470 to

authorize the attending physician or advanced practice registered nurse to initiate the record of death and provide the required information at the time of death. Since 1978, Nevada regulation has required all deaths to be certified within 48 hours (*Nevada Administrative Code* [NAC] 440.160), and since 2013, regulation has required the cause of death to be reported electronically statewide (NAC 440.165).

I welcome your efforts to work together to remove existing barriers and expedite the records process for grieving families. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>iruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

PS/jc:W205080

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Cathy Dinauer, M.S.N., R.N., Executive Director, State Board of Nursing
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VIA EMAIL

Bill Welch, President and CEO Nevada Hospital Association 5190 Neil Road, Suite 400 Reno, Nevada 89502-8531

Dear Mr. Welch:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to advise you of action taken by the Subcommittee at its final meeting and work session on August 31, 2020.

The Subcommittee learned of some delays in the death reporting process at its meeting on June 30, 2020, and one of the actions supported by the Subcommittee to address these delays was to encourage education of certain death reporters. To this end, the Subcommittee voted on August 31, 2020, to send a letter to the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) in order to raise awareness of the importance and requirements of timely death reporting.

Since 1978, Nevada regulation has required all deaths to be certified within 48 hours (Nevada Administrative Code [NAC] 440.160), and since 2013, the cause of death must be reported electronically statewide (NAC 440.165). Death certificate signatories include medical practitioners such as physicians; advanced practice registered nurses; associate physicians of attending physicians; chief medical officers of a hospital or institution in which a death occurred; or pathologists who perform autopsies upon the deceased (NRS 440.380). If an actor with primary knowledge of the death is unable to fully complete the death certificate, a coroner, funeral director, or person acting as undertaker is required to collect additional information as necessary to complete certification within 72 hours of the death (NRS 440.490).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>iruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

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Lisa Sherych, Administrator
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Executive Officer, Secretary, State Board of Health
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Carson City, NV 89706-2029

Dear Dr. Pennell and Ms. Sherych:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to advise you of action taken by the Subcommittee at its final meeting and work session on August 31, 2020.

The Subcommittee learned of some delays in the death reporting process at its meeting on June 30, 2020. On August 31, 2020, the Subcommittee requested that the State Board of Health (NRS 439.030) address these delays by clarifying in regulation who is responsible to sign the death certificate when multiple physicians and/or advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) have provided care to a patient who later dies.

Since 1978, Nevada regulation has required all deaths to be certified within 48 hours (*Nevada Administrative Code* [NAC] 440.160), and since 2013, the cause of death must be reported electronically statewide (NAC 440.165). Death certificate signatories include medical practitioners such as: physicians; APRNs; associate physicians of attending physicians; chief medical officers of the hospital or institution in which the death occurred; or pathologists who perform autopsies upon the deceased (NRS 440.380).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

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VIA EMAIL

Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director Sarah A. Bradley, J.D., M.B.A., Deputy Executive Director Board of Medical Examiners 9600 Gateway Drive Reno, Nevada 89521-8953

Dear Mr. Cousineau and Ms. Bradley:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to advise you of action taken by the Subcommittee at its final meeting and work session on August 31, 2020.

The Subcommittee learned of some delays in the death reporting process at its meeting on June 30, 2020, and one of the actions supported by the Subcommittee to address these delays is to encourage education of certain death reporters. To this end, the Subcommittee voted on August 31, 2020, to send a letter to the Board of Medical Examiners (NRS 630.050) urging it to communicate to all its licensees through its newsletter, website, and outreach presentations regarding both registration in Nevada's Electronic Death Registry System and the required timelines for death reporting.

Since 1978, Nevada regulation has required all deaths to be certified within 48 hours (Nevada Administrative Code [NAC] 440.160), and since 2013, the cause of death must be reported electronically statewide (NAC 440.165). Death certificate signatories include medical practitioners such as physicians; advanced practice registered nurses; associate physicians of attending physicians; chief medical officers of a hospital or institution in which a death occurred; or pathologists who perform autopsies upon the deceased (NRS 440.380). If an actor with primary knowledge of the death is unable to fully complete the death certificate, a coroner, funeral director, or person acting as undertaker is required to collect additional information as necessary to complete certification within 72 hours of the death (NRS 440.490).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

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VIA EMAIL

Bruce Fong, D.O., H.M.D., President Elliot Malin, Consultant Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners 1301 Cordone Avenue, Suite 190 Reno, Nevada 89502-2789

Dear Dr. Fong and Mr. Malin:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 232B.210) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to confirm the actions taken by the Subcommittee related to the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners (NRS 630A.100). On August 31, 2020, the Subcommittee voted to require the Board to report to the Legislature on or before the first day of the 2021 Session of the Nevada Legislature on its progress implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 98 (2019). Further, the Subcommittee recommended that a bill draft be requested in case the report does not indicate that the provisions of SB 98, including the appointment of new board members to replace all members serving at the time the legislation was enacted, have been completed. Such a bill draft request would terminate the Board and transfer the responsibility for regulating the practice of homeopathic medicine to the State Board of Health as proposed in SB 98, as introduced. Please email the requested report on or before February 1, 2021, to Jennifer Ruedy (jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), to ensure that a copy is distributed to all members of the Subcommittee prior to the 2021 Session of the Nevada Legislature.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruedy or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

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Devin J. Reiss, President Real Estate Commission Real Estate Division Department of Business & Industry 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 350 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102-3203

Dear Mr. Chandra and Mr. Reiss:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to confirm the action taken by the Subcommittee related to the Real Estate Commission (<u>NRS 645.050</u>). The Subcommittee reviewed the Real Estate Commission on <u>June 23, 2020</u>, and on <u>August 31, 2020</u>, the Subcommittee voted to continue the Commission with the recommendation that it study ways to more fully implement <u>Senate Bill 69</u> (2017). The Subcommittee noted that subsection 11 of *Nevada Administrative Code* <u>645.185</u>, related to cooperative broker certificates, only authorizes a cooperating broker to represent a person "other than a resident of Nevada." The Subcommittee questioned the reasoning for not allowing a cooperating broker to represent a resident of Nevada.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>jruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

PS/jc:W205086

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VIA EMAIL

Katherine Miller U.S. Army Col. (Ret.), Director Department of Veterans Services 6630 South McCarran Boulevard Building C, Suite 204 Reno, Nevada 89509-6145

Dear Director Miller:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to advise you of an action taken by the Subcommittee at its final meeting and work session on August 31, 2020.

The Subcommittee voted to send a letter to the director of the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) requesting that the director review the membership of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans Cemetery in Northern Nevada (NRS 417.230) and seek the appointment of new members, if necessary, to ensure the members are able to comply with the statutory requirement for the Advisory Committee to meet at least four times a year.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>iruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

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VIA EMAIL

Dear Regulatory Bodies:

As the chair of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] <u>232B.210</u>) during the 2019–2020 Interim, I am writing to convey two actions taken by the Subcommittee related to certain professional and occupational licensing boards, commissions, and other entities (see attached list), hereinafter referred to as independent regulatory bodies. On August 31, 2020, the Subcommittee voted to send two letters to independent regulatory bodies to:

- 1. Encourage the recruitment of Black, Indigenous, and other persons of color as members of the regulatory bodies to reflect the diversity of the state. According to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 (2020) of the 32nd Special Session of the Nevada Legislature, nearly 49 percent of Nevada's population is represented by persons of color, including persons who are Black, Indigenous, Hispanic, Asian, or Pacific Islander and persons of more than one racial or ethnic background; and
- 2. Urge them to comply with controlling health standards when conducting the business of the body to reduce the transmission of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)—the virus that causes the Coronavirus Disease of 2019. The Subcommittee further urges the regulatory bodies to communicate with their licensees as necessary to keep them apprised of changes to controlling health standards.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the work of the Subcommittee, please contact Jennifer Ruedy (<u>iruedy@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or me.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Spearman, D.B.A. Nevada State Senator

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Attachment

The following table lists the 33 independent regulatory bodies that regulate a profession under Title 54 ("Professions, Occupations and Businesses") of NRS. The letter will be emailed to each of these regulatory bodies.

Title 54 of NRS—Independent Regulatory Bodies	Chapter of NRS
Nevada State Board of Accountancy	628
Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors	641C
State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design	623
Board of Athletic Trainers	640B
State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board	643
Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada	634
State Contractors' Board	624
State Board of Cosmetology	644A
Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada	656
Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada	631
Board of Dispensing Opticians	637
State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors	625
Board of Environmental Health Specialists	625A
Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board	642
Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners	630A
State Board of Landscape Architecture	623A
Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators	654
Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical	641A
Professional Counselors	
Board of Massage Therapy	640C
Board of Medical Examiners	630
State Board of Nursing	632
Board of Occupational Therapy	640A
Nevada State Board of Optometry	636
State Board of Oriental Medicine	634A
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine	633
State Board of Pharmacy	639
Nevada Physical Therapy Board	640
State Board of Podiatry	635
Private Investigator's Licensing Board	648
Board of Psychological Examiners	641
Board of Examiners for Social Workers	641B
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board	637B
Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	638