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# State of Nevada Assembly

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Patricia Charlton  
Chancellor  
Nevada System of Higher Education  
4300 South Maryland Parkway  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-7530

Dear Chancellor Charlton:

The [Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education](#) (COE) spent a significant amount of the 2023–2024 Interim considering a variety of education topics, including those related to higher education. One issue of recurrent interest to the COE is the safety and well-being of students and staff, an interest shared by the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Following the tragic December 6, 2023, shooting at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee on Public Safety was formed and [charged with](#) evaluating and prioritizing opportunities for improvements in system-wide campus safety and emergency preparedness.

During the COE's work session on August 22, 2024, the members voted unanimously to encourage NSHE to present any safety recommendations identified by the Ad Hoc Committee to the Senate Committee on Education and Assembly Committee on Education of the 2025 Legislative Session. Such a presentation may help the Senate and Assembly Education Committees to better understand any work, discoveries, and proposals resulting from the Ad Hoc Committee.

Thank you for considering the COE's recommendation and your continued passion and efforts to support Nevada's education system. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact the COE's policy analysts, Alex Drozdoff and Jen Sturm-Gahner, via phone at (775) 684-6825 or via email at [Alex.Drozdoff@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:Alex.Drozdoff@lcb.state.nv.us) or [Jen.Sturm@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:Jen.Sturm@lcb.state.nv.us).

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod, Chair  
Joint Interim Standing Committee on  
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