

SB 177  
Opposition Statement  
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Good Afternoon Senators,

Las Vegas is the marriage capital of the world. Marriages have been steadily declining in Clark County in recent years. As a marriage officiant for the State of Nevada, my opinion is that raising the cost of the license will be detrimental to our business. Most officiants have had to reduce their fees due to couples just refusing to pay the market rate.

The pandemic significantly affected individuals not just the state revenues. Perhaps it is time for the Governor to follow the lead of other governors and fully open our State and cancel the mask mandate.

Science shows that between those receiving the vaccine and other people who are immune for various reasons, that herd immunity will be achieved by May.

Opening our State will get the revenues flowing again.

And, hopefully by extension, marriages will increase and add to the increase in revenue without having to raise the license fee.

Thank you for your attention.

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