

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
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Assembly Committee on Education

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 88

Makes various changes relating to governmental entities. (BDR 34-147)

Sponsored By: Assembly Members Watts, Nguyen, González, Peters, and Torres, et al.

Date Heard: March 9, 2021

Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Assembly Bill 88 requires that charter schools, public schools, and universities for the profoundly gifted adopt policies prohibiting the use of a name, logo, mascot, song, or other identifier that is racially discriminatory, contains racially discriminatory language or imagery, or is associated with a natural person with such history. However, an identifier associated with a federally recognized Indian tribe may be used if the school obtains permission for such use from the tribe. The bill also authorizes the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to adopt a similar policy requiring these identifiers be changed, with the same exception for identifiers association with federally recognized Indian tribes.

Assembly Bill 88 also requires the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names to recommend changing the name of any geographic feature or place that is racially discriminatory, contains racially discriminatory language or imagery, or is associated with a natural person with such history. The Board must submit a report to Legislative Counsel Bureau annually on any such recommended changes.

Amendments: Assemblyman Watts has proposed an amendment to this bill.

The amendment does the following:

1. Remove "a natural person with a racially discriminatory history" from Sections 1 and 3;
2. Delete Section 2 from the bill; and
3. Delete subsection 2 of Section 4 from the bill.

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Conceptual Amendment to Assembly Bill 88

- Remove “a natural person with a racially discriminatory history” from Sections 1 and 3.
 - Focuses this bill specifically on racially derogatory terminology
- Strike Section 2 of the bill
 - The Board of Regents already has the authority to develop such a policy, and the problematic mascot Hey Reb has been officially retired since the bill was originally requested.
- Strike Section 4(2) of the bill
 - Provides flexibility for the Board on Geographic Names to engage community members and make thoughtful recommendations to change place names.