

SB 369 : Establishing tax credit against modified business tax for taxpayers who donate to an organization that provides grants to public or private institutions for the establishment of Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs.

Graduate Medical Education (GME) refers to a period of education in a particular specialty “residency” or subspecialty “fellowship” following medical school.

Where physicians complete their residencies affect where they establish their practice.

- Nevada retained **39.8%** of physicians who completed their medical school, **55.2%** (6th in the US) of the physicians who completed graduate medical education, and **76.9%** (8th in the US) of physicians who completed both medical school and graduate medical education in Nevada¹
- On average, Nevada physicians support >12 jobs, support >\$1,000,000 in total wages and benefits, and support > \$75,000 in local and state tax revenues.²

The expansion of the physician workforce is an urgent need in Nevada.

- Nevada needs an additional **2,450** physicians to meet the national per capita rates per 100,000 population.¹
- Nevada ranked **45th** for active physicians, **48th** for primary care physicians, and **49th** for general surgeons per 100,000 population. ¹
- Nevada ranked **41st** for the number of residents and fellows per 100,000 population. ¹
- Graduate medical education increases access to care and reduces the cost of care for both the patient and health system.³

SB 369 will provide grant funding to public or private institutions to accelerate the process of establishing new GME programs in Nevada.

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