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## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR BILL SPONSOR**

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### **SENATE BILL 322**

Revises provisions governing the requirement for an examination in civics as a condition for graduation from high school.

### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:**

Thank you, (Mr./Madam) President. Several years ago, a Newsweek poll found that almost 40 percent of Americans would fail the basic civics test required of people who want to become American citizens.

In an effort to ensure that all Nevadans attain at least a basic understanding of civics, I urge my colleagues to support Senate Bill 322, which will require high school students to pass a civics examination containing questions from the United States citizenship test.

My bill proposes that the test may be offered voluntarily beginning in School Year 2018–2019, but passage will be mandatory for graduation beginning in School Year 2019–2020. The bill also requires that aggregated test results be reported so that we can track how our students perform on it over time.