

TESTIMONY TO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS



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Chair Monroe-Moreno and Members of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means,

Nevada Policy strongly supports AB 584. At its core, this legislation prioritizes accountability, transparency, and, perhaps most importantly, student-centered solutions in a system that desperately needs structural change.

One of the most transformative aspects of AB584 is the power it gives back to families. Through the creation of RISE Accounts, parents of students enrolled in chronically low-performing schools will be given the means to pursue alternative education options—whether in other public, charter, or private schools. This not only creates direct accountability for failing schools, but it affirms a core principle: that no child should be trapped in a school that doesn't meet their needs simply because of their ZIP code. By enabling access to tutoring, intervention programs, and better-performing schools, AB584 puts parents in the driver's seat and gives them the voice to have a say in their child's education.

AB584 also significantly supports the charter school landscape in Nevada. It modernizes and expands the state's approach to charter growth—especially in low-performing districts—by offering greater transportation support, streamlining expansion rules, and increasing teacher pay in charter schools. These changes will help remove barriers to access and help high-performing charter operators reach more students in areas with the greatest need. Rather than pitting sectors against each other, this bill embraces a pluralistic vision of education where public and charter schools alike are held to high standards and given the resources to succeed.

While AB584 introduces accountability through designations like “low-performing” and “chronically low-performing,” its aim is not to punish, but to improve. The bill establishes structured, tiered interventions—starting with improvement plans and probation before state oversight is even considered. This balance ensures that schools aren't just measured—they're supported and empowered to meet the bar.

AB584 is a comprehensive step forward for Nevada's public education system. It creates pathways to opportunity, gives families greater agency, expands high-quality options, and holds the system accountable without abandoning those who need help the most. This bill recognized that school choice is part of the solution and not the problem, and for that reason we urge your support. Thank you.



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