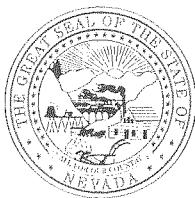


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June 1, 2017

The Honorable Aaron Ford
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The Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
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RE: Senate Bill 356 of the 79th Legislative Session

Dear Leader Ford:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 356 ("SB 356"), which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to collective bargaining; increasing the amount of time within which the Local Government Employee-Management Relations Board must conduct a hearing relating to certain complaints; removing certain restrictions on payment of compensation or monetary benefits upon expiration of a collective bargaining agreement; revising various provisions relating to negotiations between a school district and an employee organization representing teachers or educational support personnel; revising provisions relating to bargaining concessions for certain employee leave; repealing certain provisions governing school administrators; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB 356 has much in common with Assembly Bill 271 ("AB 271"), which I vetoed on May 25th, 2017. I continue to support efforts to protect Nevada's hardworking public servants. But, as with AB 271, I cannot support SB 356, because it rolls back bipartisan, compromise legislation passed during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Essentially, SB 356 reverses Senate Bill 241 ("SB 241") from 2015, which enacted reasonable collective bargaining reforms with overwhelming bipartisan support and broad stakeholder consensus. Two years later, there is no evidence to justify repealing these reforms.

And while the reforms of 2015 had near-unanimous support, SB 356, like AB 271 before it, passed on a strict, party-line vote. These partisan votes reflect the lack of agreement that accompanied the very reforms SB 356 now seeks to unwind.

For these reasons, I veto Senate Bill 356 and return it without my signature or approval.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Mark Hutchison, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
 The Honorable Jason Frierson, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
 The Honorable Barbara Cegavske, Nevada Secretary of State (without enclosure)
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