

**Statement by Stacey Bostwick
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Assembly Committee on Revenue
On AB 38
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Chair Backus and members of the Assembly Committee on Revenue, thank you for this opportunity to testify on the merits of Assembly (AB) 38. For the record, my name is Stacey Bostwick, and I am the Director of Workforce Development for the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development. I am here today with my colleagues, Director Tom Burns, Deputy Director Bob Potts, and James Humm, our Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs.

I'd like to start by giving you some background on this program. (PPT 2) Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada or the WINN Fund was established in the 2015 legislative session through the passage of AB1 and is managed by the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to address business needs within industry by accelerating the creation, customization or expansion of workforce training programs that will impart the skills needed by employers. WINN was conceived to catalyze and accelerate new workforce training program opportunities to develop a talent pipeline for new or growing industry, and the opportunity to gain the skills necessary for the new job opportunities – a WIN-WIN proposition.

(PPT 3) Since 2016, GOED's Board and leadership have approved about \$13 million in project funding, shaping new workforce training options for 60+ employer partners throughout the State. To date, over 2,000 Nevadans have been able to access 23 new or expanded training programs developed to meet new or growing demand in high-skill and high-wage sectors including Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Technology, Mining and Logistics & Operations. Education providers across the state, including universities, community colleges, labor and private post-secondary schools, have been funded to reinforce economic development activities supported by GOED, our RDA partners and local industry representatives.

(PPT 4) Turning to the bill, AB38 contains a singular amendment that adds non-reversion language to the WINN statute. GOED is seeking to remove the reversion requirement to the WINN Fund to

enable appropriate timelines for the development of workforce training programs needed by industry. This will help the agency better align with and respond to businesses and their workforce needs over periods that will endure throughout multiple biennia.

Thank you for your time, and we welcome any questions that you might have.