SENATE BILL NO. 57–SENATOR CARLTON

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Requires employers to grant leave for legislators to attend certain meetings during legislative interim. (BDR 17-157)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to legislators; prohibiting a private contract of employment that provides for a loss of job seniority for a legislator because of the legislator's attendance at certain meetings during the legislative interim; requiring public and certain private employers to grant leave for employees who are legislators to attend certain meetings during the legislative interim; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 218.044 is hereby amended to read as follows: 218.044 1. [On and after April 8, 1967, no] No contract of employment wherein a private individual, corporation, association or partnership is the employer is lawful or enforceable in this state which works a loss of job seniority of any person by reason of his absence from his regular duties or place of employment while attending a regular or special session of the legislature of this state as a member thereof [-] or while attending a meeting for which leave is required pursuant to subsection 3.

- 2. The presence in a general contract between employer and employees or their representative of any provision which violates subsection 1 does not affect the validity of any other and separable provision.
- 3. Any private employer who has more than 50 employees or any public employer who employs a person who is a member of the legislature shall grant leave to the employee, with or without pay at the discretion of the employer, for the employee's attendance during the legislative interim at a:



(a) Meeting of the legislative commission of which the employee is a member or a subcommittee of the legislative commission of which the employee is a member;

- (b) Meeting of the interim finance committee of which the employee is a member or other legislative committee or subcommittee created by statute of which the employee is a member;
- (c) Meeting of an interim committee which conducts a study or investigation pursuant to subsection 5 of NRS 218.682 of which the employee is a member or any other committee established by the legislature which conducts an interim legislative study of which the employee is a member; or
- 12 (d) Meeting of a committee, other than a legislative committee, if the employee is a member of the committee in his official capacity as a legislator.
 - **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



