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## Testimony of the Nevada Association of Counties On Senate Bill 146

Chairman Mark Manendo and Members of the  
Assembly Government Affairs Committee  
April 22, 2003

### Purpose of SB 146

SB 146 clarifies Section 1, Subsection (M) of NRS 332.155 of the government purchasing act to allow counties and other units of government to purchase from national contracts within and outside of Nevada. National purchasing consortiums are an excellent way to bundle purchasing power and to provide local governments with a way to measure available pricing when making purchasing decisions.

### History

The legislature first amended Section 1, Subsection (L), now (M) in 1997, at the request of NACO, to include "another governmental agency in the regular course of its business." Since that amendment there have been conflicting opinions as to the ability of counties to purchase off contracts bid by other government entities. To resolve this inconsistency in the application of the law, NACO worked with the Legislative Counsel to clarify the language added in 1997 by bringing this amendment for addition to NRS 332.115.

### Action Requested

NACO urges the prompt passage of AB 146. We are available to answer your questions.

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