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Testimony

Bill: AB 201 (BDR 38-1041)

Director's Office/Nevada Department of Human Resources

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Good afternoon Chairman ___ and members of the Health and Human Service Committee. I am Janelle Mulvenon, Clinical Program Manager of the Office of Community Connections, which is responsible for the administration of the Children's Trust Fund Account. With me at the table is Kathy Barosz, a member of the Committee for the Protection of Children.

We are here to support AB 201 which would increase the length of the grant award period from one year up to three years. Providing multiple year awards allows programs to focus on program implementation rather than preparing grant applications each year. It is difficult for new, innovative programs to get established with only one year award due to the uncertainty of future funding.

Lengthening the grant period gives the Committee for the Protection of Children the option of awarding funds for up to three years. The performance of the grantees would be reviewed annually to assure that the goals and objectives for program funding are met as a prerequisite for continued funding. At the end of a three-year funding cycle, requests for proposals will again be solicited to make awards for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

There is no fiscal note in approving this change.

We would be pleased to answer any questions that the committee may have.

February 28, 2003

Dear Members of the Assembly,


Please consider this a letter of support for AB 201, extending the Children's Trust Fund grant funding cycle from one year to a maximum of three years. I strongly urge you to pass AB 201, which will be introduced by Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie and will be heard on Monday March 3, 2003.

As a member of the Committee for the Protection of Children since January 1995, I believe it is imperative to lengthen the grant period as it will allow agencies to focus their time on program implementation rather than preparing grant applications each year. Extending the grant period would also allow the Committee for the Protection of Children to more adequately review program developments and effectiveness.

Again, I would urge you to please pass AB 201.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Louise Sloan".

Mary Louise Sloan, Member
Committee for the Protection of Children