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## Anderson, Bernie Assemblyman

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, February 19, 2003 4:38 PM

To:

'banderson@asm.state.nv.us'

Subject:

A.B. 27

Dear Assemblyman Anderson: Assembly Bill 27, involving child support, is

scheduled to be heard by Assembly Judiciary tomorrow morning. I was just

told that an amendment to the bill will be offered which would amend NRS 125B.140(c) to eliminate the mandatory imposition of interest on child support arrears. Under current state law, interest on support arrears is

mandatory. Washoe County has been calculating and collecting interest in  $\dot{\ }$ 

cases involving our District Attorney's Office for the past eight years. To

the best of my knowledge, Washoe County is the only county which currently

collects interest for custodial parents who are owed child support. There

are at least two computer programs which calculate the interest, and I do

not believe that this requirement has posed any substantial burden for the

District Attorney's Office or the court. As a matter of policy, imposing

interest on unpaid child support provides an incentive for noncustodial parents to pay as ordered, and provides custodial parents the benefit of their order.

I am sorry that I am unable to appear in person tomorrow morning to

discuss this bill. Because of the late notice that this issue would be heard, I cannot vacate my morning calendar. I would be happy to provide any

additional information you may request.

Respectfully, Scott Jordan, District Judge, Family Division