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Office of the Governor

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The Honorable Francisco Aguilar
Nevada Secretary of State
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Assembly Bill 371 of the 82nd Legislative Session

Dear Secretary of State Aguilar:

I am forwarding to you, for filing within the time limit set forth in the Nevada Constitution and without my approval, Assembly Bill 371 ("AB 371"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to parentage; adopting provisions of the Uniform Parentage Act; revising provisions relating to the establishment of a parent and child relationship and the presumption of parentage; establishing provisions concerning the voluntary acknowledgment of parentage and denial of parentage by certain persons; authorizing the State Board of Health to adopt regulations relating to an acknowledgment of parentage or denial of parentage; establishing provisions governing genetic testing in proceedings to adjudicate parentage; establishing and revising various provisions relating to proceedings to adjudicate parentage; authorizing a person who claims to be a de facto parent of a child to be adjudicated as a parent of the child in certain circumstances; authorizing a court to adjudicate a child to have more than two parents in certain circumstances; establishing and revising provisions relating to assisted reproduction and gestational agreements; providing for the right of a gestational carrier to make all health care decisions regarding the gestational carrier and the pregnancy of the gestational carrier; repealing various provisions relating to parentage; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

AB 371 is aimed at the admirable goal of streamlining certain decisions related to parentage. That said, this bill would codify a uniform set of laws that have only been implemented in a significant minority of states. Moreover, the changes contained in this bill would inevitably hamstring judges in making certain case-by-case determinations related to parentage which, by their very nature, will likely be more focused on finding the best solution possible for the family or families before their court.

Since AB 371 would unavoidably decrease judicial discretion regarding critical issues to Nevadan families, I cannot support it.

For these reasons, I veto this bill and return it to you without my signature or approval.

Respectfully submitted,



JOE LOMBARDO
Governor of Nevada

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Stavros Anthony, President of the Senate (without enclosure)
The Honorable Nicole Cannizzaro, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Steve Yeager, Speaker of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brendan Bucy, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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