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Office of the Governor

June 16, 2023

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

Re: Senate Bill 314 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, Senate Bill 314 ("SB 314"), which is titled as follows:

AN ACT relating to energy; revising a definition relating to certain renewable energy facilities; revising provisions governing the establishment by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada of biennial targets for the procurement of energy storage systems by certain electric utilities; requiring the Commission to reevaluate the existing biennial targets; eliminating an obsolete provision relating to the establishment of such targets; establishing requirements for the installation of electrochemical energy storage systems; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

SB314 is well intentioned in its aim to support training and certification related to the installation of energy storage systems. That said, in Nevada there is only one entity authorized to provide Energy Storage and Microgrid Training and Certification ("ESMTAC"). ESMTAC has not been mandated in any other state and this bill increases the likelihood of related labor shortages if ESMTAC's institutional infrastructure cannot satisfy the training demand necessary to keep Nevada's energy storage systems on the cutting-edge.

Given the potential for critical labor shortages and the lack of alternative entities to provide training for Nevadans seeking employment in the energy storage system installation industry, I cannot support it.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Lombardo', with a large loop at the end.

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)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel Bureau, Director (without enclosure)
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