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The Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair Venicia Considine at 8:32 a.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 1 of the Nevada Legislature Hearing Rooms, 7120 Amigo Street, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [Exhibit A], the Attendance Roster [Exhibit B], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblymember Venicia Considine, Chair
Assemblymember Duy Nguyen, Vice Chair
Assemblymember Max E. Carter II
Assemblymember Rich DeLong
Assemblymember Reuben D'Silva
Assemblymember Rebecca Edgeworth
Assemblymember Tanya P. Flanagan
Assemblymember Danielle Gallant
Assemblymember Heather Goulding
Assemblymember Bert K. Gurr
Assemblymember Linda F. Hunt
Assemblymember Jovan A. Jackson
Assemblymember Venise Karris
Assemblymember Heidi Kasama

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore, Assembly District No. 11

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst
Sarah Delap, Committee Counsel
Judith Bishop, Committee Manager
Nikki Peterson, Committee Secretary
Mary Whalen, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joanna Jacob, Manager, Government Affairs, Department of Administrative Services, Clark County
Susie Martinez, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Nevada State AFL-CIO
Wesley Harper, Director, Government Affairs, City of North Las Vegas
Malcolm Greer, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Pio Rejas, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Imer Cespedes-Alvarado, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Leticia Lopez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Sylvia Lazos, Private Citizen, Henderson, Nevada
Marina Hernandez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Tony F. Sanchez, Executive Vice President, Business Development and External Relations, NV Energy
Maria Eugenia Prentice, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Maria Can, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Luis Navarro, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Doug Unger, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Mathilda Miller, Director, Government Relations, Native Voters Alliance Nevada
Liz Sorenson, President, Nevada State AFL-CIO
Denise Bolaños Heredia, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada
Olivia Tanager, Director, Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club
Gil Lopez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Marco Rangel, Political Organizer, Make the Road Nevada
Russ James, Northern Nevada Organizer, Nevada State AFL-CIO
Paula Luna, Deputy Director, Battle Born Progress
Dulce Ayala, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Carlos Velis, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Alma Lopez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Doralia Medina, Private Citizen, Reno, Nevada
Erika Marquez, Immigration Justice Organizer, Make the Road Nevada
Izack Tenorio, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada
Ruby Estrada, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Ivon Meneses, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Noé Orosco, Manager, Government Affairs, Make the Road Nevada
Itzi Ortega, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada

Wendy Colborne, Chief of Staff, Building and Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada
Francisco Morales, representing Latin Chamber of Commerce
Chester Ruiz, Community Advisor, Nevada Museum of Art
Gloria Medina, Operations Coordinator, Silver State Voices
Garrett Shishido Strain, International Representative, Region 6, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America
Jay Torres, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Collectivo
Emmanuel Meneses, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Faridy Canales, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada
Anthony Ramirez, Director, Government Affairs, Make the Road Nevada
Angel Meneses, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada

Chair Considine:
[Roll was taken. Committee protocol and rules were explained.] Good morning. Welcome to today's meeting of the Committee on Government Affairs for the 2025 Legislative Session. We are taking the agenda out of order this morning. We will begin with our work session to take action on measures the Committee has heard in previous meetings. After that, we will hear Assembly Bill 98, which creates a day of observance for labor leader, Dolores Huerta.

It is not customary for the Committee to take testimony or rehear the bills during a work session. However, I may invite a witness to come forward for clarification or questions during our consideration of a measure. Today, we will be hearing 11 bills during the work session: Assembly Bill 81, Assembly Bill 83, Assembly Bill 115, Assembly Bill 125, Assembly Bill 144, Assembly Bill 145, Assembly Bill 185, Assembly Bill 191, Assembly Bill 208, Assembly Bill 235, and Assembly Bill 263. We will start with Assembly Bill 81.

Assembly Bill 81: Exempts the State of Nevada from provisions of federal law relating to daylight saving time. (BDR 19-23)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
As nonpartisan legislative staff, I can neither support nor oppose any measure before the Committee. The first bill in work session is Assembly Bill 81, which exempts the State of Nevada from provisions of federal law relating to daylight saving time. The Committee heard this measure on February 24, 2025 [Exhibit C]. Assembly Bill 81 exempts Nevada from federal provisions requiring the observance of daylight saving time, allowing the state to remain on Pacific Standard Time year-round. Assemblymember La Rue Hatch submitted an amendment to change the effective date of this measure from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026, in order to align with the time change cycle. The amendment also adds several cosponsors to the bill.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion on Assembly Bill 81.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 81.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER CARTER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS GALLANT, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember La Rue Hatch. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill on our work session.

Assembly Bill 83: Designates "Larry Itliong Day" as a day of observance in this State. (BDR 19-99)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 83, which designates "Larry Itliong Day" as a day of observance in this State. The Committee heard this measure on March 17, 2025 [Read from Exhibit D.]. Assembly Bill 83 requires the Governor to annually proclaim October 25 to be "Larry Itliong Day" in the State of Nevada. The proclamation must call upon various entities to bring attention to Larry Itliong's contributions to the state and the country. Assemblymember Mosca proposed an amendment adding several cosponsors to the bill.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to amend and do pass on Assembly Bill 83.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 83.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER D'SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DELONG, GALLANT, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Mosca. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill.

Assembly Bill 115: Authorizes certain state buildings to be used for certain purposes. (BDR 27-864)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 115, which authorizes certain state buildings to be used for certain purposes. The Committee heard this measure on February 25, 2025 [Read from Exhibit E]. Assembly Bill 115 authorizes the administrator of the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration, in coordination with the Museum Director of the Nevada State Museum, to rent or lease rooms in the Capitol Building for events. The administrator shall charge a fee for such rentals or leases, and the money received for this purpose must be deposited in the State Treasury, accounted for in the State General Fund, and used only for maintenance of the Capitol Building, among other provisions. Additionally, this bill creates an exception to the law that prohibits the sale or distribution of certain alcoholic beverages for events held in the Capitol Building, and there are no amendments.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to do pass on Assembly Bill 115.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 115.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER HUNT SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DELONG, EDGEWORTH, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Karris. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill on our work session.

Assembly Bill 125: Revises provisions relating to public bodies. (BDR 18-909)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 125, which revises provisions relating to public bodies. The Committee heard this measure on February 26, 2025 [Read from Exhibit F]. Assembly Bill 125 requires the state website location, maintained by the Department of Administration, must include a place to post a schedule of public body meetings that provides public notice of a meeting at least three working days before the meeting. There are no amendments.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to do pass on Assembly Bill 125.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 125.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER HUNT SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Flanagan. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill in the work session.

Assembly Bill 144: Revises provisions relating to "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Nevada. (BDR 19-7)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 144, which revises provisions relating to "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Nevada. The Committee heard this measure on February 11, 2025 [Read from Exhibit G.]. Assembly Bill 144 establishes the second Monday in October as "Indigenous Peoples Day" and provides that the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation encouraging the observance of the day. The bill also outlines certain requirements for the proclamation. There are no amendments.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to do pass on Assembly Bill 144.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 144.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER D'SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Assemblymember DeLong:
I just want to put on the record that we already have an Indigenous Peoples Day in the state of Nevada. No one has given me any compelling reason to change it to a similar date that we celebrate Columbus Day in October. I am going to be a no.

Chair Considine:
Any other discussion on this motion or questions on the bill? [There were none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DELONG, EDGEWORTH, GALLANT, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Backus. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill in the work session.

Assembly Bill 145: Revises provisions relating to veterans. (BDR 37-77)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 145, which revises provisions relating to veterans. The Committee heard this measure on March 10, 2025 [Read from Exhibit H.]. Assembly Bill 145 makes various changes relating to veterans. It prohibits a person from preparing, presenting, prosecuting, advising, consulting, or assisting any other person with a claim before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Defense, or Nevada's Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) in violation of federal law, unless the person has received such recognition or accreditation. The bill also applies a civil penalty for such a violation.

Furthermore, the bill outlines certain provisions related to the position and duties of the veterans coordinator, particularly related to hiring and mentoring practices. Finally, it expands the program that provides a free annual permit to enter all state parks and recreation areas to certain family members of a person killed in the line of duty while on active duty of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Assemblymember D'Silva proposed an amendment specifying the provisions of section 1 do not pertain to organizations or individuals assisting veterans with claim preparation who are not requesting or accepting payments or donations from the veterans and/or their dependents. It also adds a trigger clause to section 1, clarifying that if enacted, Nevada law will automatically be preempted by federal legislation. The amendment also removes language prohibiting the director of NDVS from charging a fee for the interment of a spouse of a veteran and adds cosponsors to the bill.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions?

Assemblymember Gallant:
I have been reading this bill because it has been very charged, and I want to make sure we get it right. I just want to make sure that my understanding of section 1 is correct: a person does not violate section 1 unless they also violate federal law. Is that correct?

Sarah Delap, Committee Counsel:
As I read it, that is how it works. A person has to first violate federal law before they can violate section 1.

Chair Considine:
Are there any other questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to amend and do pass on Assembly Bill 145.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 145.
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> ASSEMBLYMEMBER KARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Assemblymember DeLong:
I have received—I cannot tell you how many—emails on this bill, both pro and con, from veterans. I think no matter how we vote, we are going to piss off some veterans and we are going to make other veterans happy, which is to me an untenable situation. In my discussions with both parties on this bill, they have said they want to compromise. Why can you guys not compromise? I do not get that.

I am likely to vote no on the floor, but I will vote this out of Committee so they can continue to negotiate to come up with a compromise.

Assemblymember Edgeworth:
Ditto.

Chair Considine:
Is there any other discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBER GALLANT VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember D'Silva. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next still on the work session.

Assembly Bill 185: Revises provisions relating to child care. (BDR 10-187)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 185, which revises provisions relating to child care. Committee heard this measure on March 10, 2025 [Read from Exhibit I.]. Assembly Bill 185, with certain exceptions, prohibits the executive board and governing documents of a unit owners' association from prohibiting a unit owner from operating a licensed child care facility. It authorizes the executive board in governing documents to

impose conditions and restrictions on such a facility, provided they are consistent with licensing requirements. The bill also specifies that these provisions do not apply to a common-interest community that imposes certain age restrictions. Additionally, the bill authorizes a tenant to operate a licensed child care facility under certain circumstances.

The bill further requires the governing body of a county or incorporated city to adopt an ordinance authorizing a licensed child care facility to operate in any zoning district designated for residential use, and it outlines certain prohibitions on such an ordinance. Finally, the bill prohibits the State Board of Health or a licensing agency from prohibiting the licensure of a child care facility that does not have an outdoor play space if the space meets certain other requirements.

Assemblymember Anderson proposed an amendment clarifying the provisions of the bill apply to both master associations and sub-associations of common-interest communities. The amendment also removes sections 3 through 6 of the bill, which address requirements that the governing body of the county or incorporated city adopt an ordinance authorizing operation of a licensed child care facility. Finally, it provides clarifying language for the definition of a "licensed child care facility."

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to amend and do pass on Assembly Bill 185.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 185.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER GALLANT SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DELONG, EDGEWORTH, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Anderson. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill in work session.

Assembly Bill 191: Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-889)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 191, which revises provisions relating to collective bargaining. The Committee heard this measure on March 4, 2025 [Read from Exhibit J.]. Assembly Bill 191 authorizes collective bargaining between state professional employers and professional employees. State professional employers are defined as a board,

commission, or similar body within the Executive Department of State Government—including, without limitation, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada—that employs 400 or more professional employees.

The bill provides for the creation and organization of bargaining units and sets forth certain subjects that constitute the scope of mandatory bargaining. The bill requires the Government Employee-Management Relations Board to assess a fee for the support of the Board based on the number of professional employees in a bargaining unit that had exclusive representative in the first pay period of the immediately preceding year.

Further, the bill authorizes the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration and the Attorney General to provide, and be paid for, services to a State professional employer related to collective bargaining.

Assemblymember Anderson proposed an amendment making certain changes to language concerning mediation and arbitration in section 58 of the bill to avoid potential unintended consequences of different usages of such terms. During the bill hearing, the Assemblymember clarified that the words "mediation and arbitration" should be removed from subsection 1(b) of section 58. Finally, the amendment adds cosponsors to the bill.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to amend and do pass on Assembly Bill 191.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 191.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER D'SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DELONG, EDGEWORTH, GALLANT, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Anderson. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill on work session.

Assembly Bill 208: Restricts the use of certain products by governmental entities and government-funded entities. (BDR 19-737)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 208, which restricts the use of certain products by governmental entities and government-funded entities. The Committee heard this measure on February 28, 2025 [Read from Exhibit K.]. Assembly Bill 208 prohibits, with certain exceptions, a governmental or government-funded entity from using a product that is,

or has ever been, protected by a patent granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or is subject to review by certain federal agencies, in a manner that is: (1) contrary to the terms of use of that product established by the current or most recent patent holder, or manufacturer, or distributor of the product; (2) is inconsistent with any written instructions, limitations, or directed uses included with the product; or (3) exceeds the scope of the approved usage of the product, if a federal agency has approved the product for specific uses.

The bill does authorize the use of such products in such a manner if the governmental or government-funded entity transmits a certain written notice to the patent holder and the manufacturer or distributor of the product. It further establishes the process by which the patent holder, manufacturer, or distributor can object to the use request and specifies that upon receiving a notice of objection, the governmental or government-funded entity must cease and desist from using the product in such a manner.

Assemblymember Yeager proposed an amendment specifying which governmental and government-funded entities would be subject to the provisions of the bill. The amendment also adds certain provisions to allow individuals to seek the use of such a federally reviewed product from a licensed location outside of the physical locations covered in this statute—in coordination with the entity—in the event the product is no longer covered by Medicaid or other payments by an entity receiving restricted federal funds. Finally, the amendment specifies the bill will not apply if an individual receiving a federally reviewed product provides informed consent related to the receipt and use of the product.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to amend and do pass on Assembly Bill 208.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 208.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER D'SILVA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBERS DELONG, EDGEWORTH, GALLANT, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Nguyen. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill on work session.

Assembly Bill 235: Revises provisions relating to health care providers. (BDR 20-844)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 235, which revises provisions relating to health care providers. The Committee heard this measure on March 19, 2025 [Read from Exhibit L.]. Assembly Bill 235 addresses court orders that require a county recorder, county assessor, county clerk, city clerk, or the Secretary of State to confidentially maintain the personal information of certain persons. This bill authorizes any health care provider practicing in reproductive health; any employee or volunteer at a health care facility providing services relating to reproductive health; any provider of gender-affirming care; and the spouse, domestic partner, or minor child of such parties, to also request such court orders. Additionally, these parties can request the Department of Motor Vehicles display an alternative address on their driver's license or identification card. Finally, the bill defines certain terms. There are no amendments.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to do pass on Assembly Bill 235.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 235.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER KARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Roth. Ms. Drozdoff, please summarize the next bill on our work session.

Assembly Bill 263: Revises provisions relating to homelessness. (BDR 20-96)

Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst:
The last bill on work session is Assembly Bill 263, which revises provisions relating to homelessness. The Committee heard this measure on March 6, 2025 [Read from Exhibit M.]. Because the amendment replaces the original bill language, I will skip the bill summary.

Assemblymember Mosca proposed an amendment to replace the original bill language with the following provisions: the board of county commissioners of each county with populations of 700,000 or more shall notify Nevada's Department of Transportation (NDOT) when homeless encampment cleanup efforts are to occur on the county's right-of-way in close proximity to NDOT's right-of-way; Nevada's Department of Transportation may participate

in coordinated cleanup efforts, removing encampments and other materials only on NDOT right-of-way; and NDOT may consult with homeless outreach teams as needed. The amendment also adds cosponsors to the bill.

Chair Considine:
Members, are there any questions? [There were none.] I will now entertain a motion to amend and do pass on Assembly Bill 263.

> ASSEMBLYMEMBER NGUYEN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 263.
>
> ASSEMBLYMEMBER FLANAGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Assemblymember Gurr:
I am going to vote to move this out of Committee, but I am going to reserve my right to vote no on the floor just in case something changes.

Chair Considine:
I believe we have Joanna Jacob from Clark County.

Joanna Jacob, Manager, Government Affairs, Department of Administrative Services, Clark County:
After the hearing, we worked with Assemblymember Mosca and the Nevada Department of Transportation on the amendment. Assemblymember Mosca asked me to state for the record that the amendment would remove our fiscal impact. The original bill would have required us to establish new homeless outreach teams. This amendment just requires the coordination with our existing homeless outreach teams; it is very necessary in order to have this collaboration. We support the amendment, and I want to say thank you to everybody for concerns about the fiscal impact of Clark County. That is what I wanted to put on the record on behalf of [audio was lost].

Chair Considine:
Is there any other discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

> THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEMBER GALLANT VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblymember Mosca. We will close the work session.

We will now open the hearing on Assembly Bill 98. To present this measure, we have Assemblymember Moore. As a reminder, to ensure we get through everyone fairly and in a timely manner today, we will set a 30-minute time limit for each period of support,

opposition, and neutral testimony, with each speaker having up to 2 minutes. To ensure that we allow as many people as possible to testify, please feel free to say "ditto" if someone has already covered your testimony.

Assembly Bill 98: Creates a day of observance for labor leader, Dolores Huerta. (BDR 19-642)

Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore, Assembly District No. 11:
I am presenting Assembly Bill 98, which creates a day of observance for labor leader, Dolores Huerta. I am joined by our very own labor leader in Nevada and former Assemblymember for Assembly District No. 12, Susie Martinez. She is also the very first Latina to serve as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Nevada State AFL-CIO.

Today, it is not just Latino Lobby Day here in the building, but it is also César Chávez Day—a day we have observed in Nevada since Assembly Bill 301 of the 75th Legislative Session was first passed in 2009. But today, I am not here to talk to you about César Chávez. Today, I am here to talk to you about Dolores Huerta.

If you do not know the name Dolores Huerta, you should know. For decades, she has been working to improve conditions and prioritize support for workers, distinguishing her as one of the most impactful labor leaders of the twentieth century. As the granddaughter of a farm worker, she is someone whom I have looked up to. [Video was shown, Exhibit N.]

As you can see, she has done a lot in this movement. In her early life as a teacher, that is what inspired her to get involved in activism. She also helped cofound the National Farm Workers Association with César Chávez. The National Farm Workers Association was known for the Delano grape strike, which she helped organize, and included 5,000 grape workers. She was the lead figure in negotiating the workers' contract that emerged following the strike.

It is impossible, though, to narrow down her accomplishments to just one event, as Huerta was so integral in labor activism, leading consumer boycotts, advocating for safer working conditions, and fighting for worker benefits for decades. In addition to championing workers' rights broadly, she also established herself as a voice for the feminist movement, pushing for gender equality and speaking to labor issues uniquely experienced by women.

Her accomplishments, as we saw, were finally recognized in 2012. More can be done—particularly in Nevada's education system—to shed light on this iconic activist and her impact on workers' rights, by designating a day to recognize her achievements. Nevada will encourage acknowledgment of her critical work so that our residents, and particularly our children, can learn about her.

Specifically, A.B. 98 requires the Governor to annually proclaim April 10 as the Dolores Huerta Day in the State of Nevada. The proclamation must encourage all public schools and educational institutions in the state to recognize and educate students regarding her life and accomplishments, as well as her contributions to our country. Thank you for your consideration on this important measure, and I am going to pass it on to my copresenter.

Susie Martinez, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Nevada State AFL-CIO:
As the head of Nevada AFL-CIO, I represent over 120 unions and more than 150 members across Nevada, including those from a diverse range of industries, such as the building and construction trades, the service industry, the public employee sector, and many more. I am very proud to be the first woman and Latina to be elected as the head of the Nevada State AFL-CIO. I stand here today as a testament to the progress made possible by the trailblazers who come before me, like the great Dolores Huerta.

Nevada has a strong labor history and Huerta's work aligns with our state's values and fairness and workers' rights, having fought for collective bargain rights, fair wages, and protections—which are all issues that are still relevant today. Huerta is a labor leader, civil rights activist, and cofounder of the United Farm Workers, alongside César Chávez. The work Huerta has done, and continues to do, is intersectional as she has advocated for immigrants, immigrant rights, gender equality, and empowerment within the Latino community. She is a living example of how advocacy and activism lead to meaningful change.

We always tend to honor people when they have passed on, but it is just as important to recognize and celebrate and uplift the accomplishments of people while they are still alive, so they can see the contributions and have honor of being recognized. Many of the labor protections and rights we have today are the results of the work of Huerta and other labor leaders. A day of observance would educate students and residents about her contributions and the ongoing fight for workers' rights and social justice. We stand on the shoulders of labor champions like Dolores Huerta, who fought and continues to fight for fairness and equality; and it is fitting that we celebrate her legacy in this meaningful way.

I would like to thank the Assembly members. I would love to thank Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore for bringing this important bill forward, and I urge the Committee to support A.B. 98. That concludes my remarks.

Assemblymember Moore:
We are ready for questions.

Chair Considine:
There is an amendment. Do you want to go over the amendment?

Assemblymember Moore:
Yes, I did submit an amendment [Exhibit O], and this is to add other sponsors: Assemblymembers Cecilia González, Elaine Marzola, Sandra Jauregui, Selena Torres-Fossett, and Reuben D'Silva; Senators Dina Neal, Fabian Doñate, Edgar Flores, and Michelee Cruz-Crawford.

Chair Considine:
Committee members, are there any other questions? Seeing none, thank you for the presentation. We would like to move on to testimony. We will start here in Carson City with testimony in support of A.B. 98.

Wesley Harper, Director, Government Affairs, City of North Las Vegas:
The City is in firm support of this bill, and we appreciate the sponsor for bringing it forward. The grand opening of the Dolores Huerta Resource Center in the City of North Las Vegas is April 22, 2025. This center will be a one-stop community center where residents can receive free workforce training, education, legal services, physical and mental health support, and technology training in both English and Spanish. Our mission is to empower and uplift our community by fostering collaboration and providing a centralized hub for a diverse array of local providers. It has four core principles: (1) no-cost occupancy for service providers, allowing nonprofits to maximize resources and expand outreach without financial constraints; (2) centralized access to services, providing a true one-stop shop for individuals seeking assistance; (3) flexible, needs-based programming, evolving to meet community demands in workforce education and health; and (4) strategic partnerships uniting public, private, and nonprofit sectors to deliver coordinated support.

This center, in honor of Dolores Huerta, will have six services: (1) education—tutoring and homework help for school-age children, GED [General Education Development] preparation and college readiness workshops, bilingual language classes in both English and Spanish; (2) legal support; (3) physical and mental health—free health screenings, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, bilingual counseling and therapy services, nutrition and wellness workshops; (4) workforce development, including job search and resume writing assistance, vocational training and certification programs, apprenticeship and internship opportunities; (5) technology and digital literacy; and (6) arts and culture, including art exhibitions, community art projects, performing arts—

Chair Considine:
Thank you, Mr. Harper. I am sorry, that is your two minutes. Since we have a time limit, I really want to stay on two minutes. Please wrap up your testimony.

Wesley Harper:
The City of North Las Vegas is in firm support.

Malcolm Greer, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am a member of the Youth Voice of Nevada. I wholeheartedly support A.B. 98 that seeks to establish April 10 as "Dolores Huerta Day" in the state. By passing A.B. 98, Nevada acknowledges the importance of labor leaders like Huerta, and shaping a more just society. This observance will serve as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for workers' rights.

Pio Rejas, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I arise today in full support of this bill, which seeks to establish April 10 as "Dolores Huerta Day" in the state of Nevada. I will try to keep it short and quick. This is more than just a day of recognition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to honoring the labor movement, civil rights, and the tireless fight for justice that Dolores Huerta has been fighting throughout her life.

Dolores Huerta is a name that should resonate in every classroom, every workplace, and every community across our state. As a labor leader, activist, and cofounder of the United Farm Workers alongside César Chávez, she has dedicated her life to the fight for fair wages, humane working conditions, and the dignity of all workers, especially those who are too often overlooked. Her phrase "sí, se puede"—yes, we can—has inspired movements for change far beyond the fields where farm workers once struggled in silence.

Her impact is not just historical; it is personal. Dolores Huerta has inspired countless individuals, including students like me, to believe that we, too, can be part of meaningful change. As a student leader and former student body president of a university, I have seen firsthand how advocacy and civic engagement can empower communities. I can only aspire to follow in the footsteps of someone who has dedicated her life to making a difference. To think that someone like me—someone still learning, still growing—could one day have an impact like hers, is a powerful statement to why we must keep her story alive.

For some, this legislature may seem symbolic or insignificant, but for me, for students, for young leaders, and for the communities that Dolores Huerta has fought for, this change represents something much greater. This bill also encourages our school and educational institutions to teach students about her contribution.

Chair Considine:
That is your two minutes. Please wrap it up so we can get more people.

Pio Rejas:
I am just going to say *sí, se puede*. I am in support of this bill.

Imer Cespedes-Alvarado, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here to support the "Dolores Huerta Day" bill. Dolores Huerta represents the strength and pride of the Latino community. She continues to fight for our families, our workers, and our future. Honoring her means honoring the resilience we show every day and reminding young Latinos that their voices matters. *Sí, se puede*. Yes, we can.

Leticia Lopez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I live in Senate District No. 11, Assembly District No. 8; and I am a community leader and advocate. I am also a proud Latina and lifelong Nevadan, and a single mother, raising two young adult daughters. I am here today to voice my wholehearted support for A.B. 98, which would recognize April 10 as "Dolores Huerta Day" in Nevada.

Dolores Huerta's story is not just history; it is personal to me. As a woman who has navigated many challenges on my own, I have often looked to Dolores as a symbol of resilience, courage, and unapologetic advocacy. She has shown women like me, especially Latinas, that our voice matters, we have power, and we can use that power to create lasting change. Her fearless work on behalf of farm workers, women, and immigrant families has been a beacon of hope, not just nationally but right here in communities like mine. Through her example, I have learned how to advocate for myself, for my daughters, and for my community. She reminds me that justice is not something we wait for; it is something we fight for.

Raising two daughters in today's world, I want them to know the stories of women like Dolores Huerta. I want them to see that Latina leadership is powerful, necessary, and deeply rooted in the fight for equity. Dedicating a day to honor her legacy means they, and thousands of other young people in Nevada, will grow up knowing they come from strength, from purpose, and a legacy of changemakers. Passing A.B. 98 is not just about honoring a historical figure; it is about recognizing the ongoing impact Dolores has on everyday women like myself, and ensuring her legacy continues to inspire the next generation. Thank you for considering this important bill and for giving us the space to share what it truly means.

Sylvia Lazos, Private Citizen, Henderson, Nevada:
I am the founder of NVALAS, Association of Latino Administrators and Staff [*sic*]. We are mostly in Clark County, but we are a statewide organization. Octavio Paz famously wrote, I can tell who is a Mexican American when I travel to the United States because they are always bent over, hiding their heads, not daring to stand up straight. Having a bill like this, honoring Dolores Huerta, will help our children understand their legacy, their history, that *sí, se puede* is part of their heritage, and help them to stand up straight to look to the future.

When I was a young law professor—I am not going to tell you how many years ago—I met Dolores Huerta at a fancy academic conference in Colorado with fancy food and fancy talk. When I spoke to Dolores—because she had always been my "shero"—she simply asked me one question: Sylvia, what are you doing to make a difference? Because this is just a bunch of . . . and that little question had a huge influence on my career and what I chose to do with my career as a law professor at one of the best public universities in this country, UNLV [University of Nevada, Las Vegas].

I want every child to have a Dolores Huerta in their life, and to have that question asked to them. I think this bill will encourage our educators to ask those kinds of questions and to teach our children—every child—to stand up straight, to look to the future, and to say *sí, se puede*. Yes, we can. Because that is how we change Nevada and that is how we change children's lives.

Marina Hernandez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I stand before you today as a proud Chicana, deeply aware of the power of representation and the impact of seeing our histories, our leaders, and our struggles honored. That is why I am here to urge support for A.B. 98; a bill that will officially proclaim April 10 as "Dolores Huerta Day" in Nevada.

Dolores Huerta is more than a historical figure; she is a living testament to resilience, activism, and power of community organizing and a cofounder of the United Farm Workers. She dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of farm workers, laborers, women, and immigrants. Her famous words, *sí, se puede*—yes, we can—continue to inspire movements for justice across generations. Her legacy is not just one of the past; it is a call for action for the present and the future. In a time when labor rights, immigration rights, and women's rights remain under attack, Dolores Huerta's contributions remind us of the importance of collective power, grassroots organizing, and standing up for what is right.

By establishing "Dolores Huerta Day" in Nevada, we are doing more than just honoring her work. We are ensuring that young people, especially those from marginalized communities, see themselves reflected in history. We are showing them that their voices matter, that activism is powerful, and that change is possible. Representation matters. When your youth learn about leaders like Dolores Huerta, they see a blueprint for action. They see that a Latina woman—a daughter of immigrants—could change injustice and reshape history. They see that they can, too, be leaders, organizers, and change makers. I urge you to pass A.B. 98 and make April 10 "Dolores Huerta Day" in Nevada. Let us celebrate her contributions, educate future generations, and affirm our commitment to justice, equality, and empowerment. *Sí, se puede*.

Tony F. Sanchez, Executive Vice President, Business Development and External Relations, NV Energy:
I am here today to express NV Energy's strong support for Assembly Bill 98, which designates a day of observance in honor of labor leader Dolores Huerta. We support this bill not only because of Ms. Huerta's extraordinary contributions to labor and civil rights, but also because of a meaningful connection that we share with her legacy. In 2024, NV Energy sold our former North Las Vegas customer service office to the city of North Las Vegas that you heard about a few minutes ago. That facility is now being transformed into a workforce training and community center named in her honor, which is scheduled to open next month.

We appreciate the leadership of Mayor Pamela Goynes-Brown, Councilman Isaac Barron, and Jared Luke of the City of North Las Vegas for bringing this community center to reality. Supporting A.B. 98 is a meaningful way for us to help honor a leader whose values continue to shape a stronger, more inclusive Nevada. I would also like to thank Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore for sponsoring this bill and for her leadership in recognizing the lasting contributions of Dolores Huerta to our state and to our country.

Maria Eugenia Prentice, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here as a volunteer for Chispa, and I do volunteer in various communities, different ones. I am here to support A.B. 98 because a lot of my personal family—my mother and my brothers—they actually picked strawberries, and I saw Dolores Huerta all along. I followed her, how hard she worked. I strongly support A.B. 98, and I think all of us, there is a little of Dolores Huerta in all of us; including you, because you are here to make a difference, to change laws. I strongly ask you, please support the A.B. 98. I want to thank you for your time having me. *Sí, se puede* and yes, you can.

Maria Can, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
[Testified in Spanish and no translation was provided.]

Luis Navarro, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am a member leader of Make the Road Nevada. We are here because we would like A.B. 98 to pass. Growing up, in school, listening to stories of César Chávez, the *huelgas*, and all of those movements that actually brought change, and not hearing about Dolores Huerta—that she was one of the main actors that has not been recognized throughout history—is discouraging because everyone deserves the acknowledgment, especially in this age of turmoil in the country. It would bring something that would show the Hispanic community that we are not invisible.

Chair Considine:
We are about halfway through our support testimony, so I am going to pause in Carson City. We are going to move down to Las Vegas, then go to the phone lines, then come back to Carson City. If you are wishing to testify in support of A.B. 98 in Las Vegas, please go ahead.

Doug Unger, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am speaking as a professor and a community activist. Many years ago, I had the immense privilege of working alongside Dolores Huerta—many, many years ago—on a big political campaign, when she brought in hundreds and hundreds of National Farm Workers Association members. I was assigned to those members. I had the opportunity to observe Dolores Huerta one on one with some of the most important politicians and business leaders in the country, speaking before audiences of thousands and inspiring them; at the same time doing things like standing in food lines, helping to serve her members, and even joining the group that scrubbed the floor of the facility where they were staying. I have never seen a more inspiring model of what to do as a labor leader. She was wonderful, inspirational, and she deserves this day of honor as one of the most important spokespersons for civil rights, workers' rights, and how to lead for the forces of good in our country. I am in strong support of A.B. 98.

Chair Considine:
Is there anyone else in Las Vegas wishing to testify in support on A.B. 98? [There was no one.] We can go to the phone lines for support for A.B. 98. As a reminder, if someone has said testimony that you plan on giving and you want to say "ditto," that would give more time for people to give testimony.

Mathilda Miller, Director, Government Relations, Native Voters Alliance Nevada:
I am in strong unapologetic support of Assembly Bill 98. If this body truly believed in workers' rights, if you truly believe in honoring the people who wake up every day, work their fingers to the bone to put food on the table, to feed their families, then show us. Show us you value their labor and that you respect their humanity. She spent her whole life fighting for those workers; the people who make this country run but are often ignored, underpaid, and pushed to the margin. A day of observance will not erase decades of injustice, but it will send a long, clear message that is long overdue, that Nevada sees the labor that built the state and Nevada sees her. We urge your support.

Liz Sorenson, President, Nevada State AFL-CIO:
I am in strong support of A.B. 98. I cannot think of a more fabulous, strong labor activist to actually have a day of observance for. I applaud the Assemblymember for bringing this bill forward and thank you so much.

Denise Bolaños Heredia, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada:
I strongly support A.B. 98. As a Latina, a Chicana, and the daughter of immigrants, I know the power of organizing to create real change. Through my work with Make the Road Nevada, and now as associate director of Return Strong Nevada, I have seen firsthand how advocacy strengthens our communities. Honoring Dolores Huerta's legacy reaffirms that activism is key to equity, workers' rights, and human dignity. Thank you, Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore for championing this bill. *Sí, se puede.*

Olivia Tanager, Director, Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club:
I am here in strong support of A.B. 98 and I appreciate the Assemblymember bringing it forward. Dolores Huerta also has ties to the environmental justice movement, has successfully organized around environmental justice issues, and has sparked the environmental justice movement across the country, indeed. We appreciate the Assemblymember for bringing this forward. We appreciate all the work of Dolores Huerta, and we urge your support of this bill.

Gil Lopez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here in strong support of A.B. 98 and the establishment of "Dolores Huerta Day." It is a very important day for the community, and we urge your support.

Marco Rangel, Political Organizer, Make the Road Nevada:
Huerta's impact extends beyond labor rights. She has been a champion for women's rights, Latino political representation, and social justice, inspiring generations of activists. I truly support A.B. 98 because Dolores Huerta has dedicated her entire life to helping others. I have also had the chance and been fortunate to meet her, and right off the bat, you can see her passion. It is time for her to be recognized.

Russ James, Northern Nevada Organizer, Nevada State AFL-CIO:
I am in strong support of A.B. 98 and I urge the Committee to support it as well.

Paula Luna, Deputy Director, Battle Born Progress:
[Ms. Luna submitted written testimony, Exhibit P.] I am a proud resident of District 18. We enthusiastically support A.B. 98 and ditto the previous support. *Sí, se puede*.

Chair Considine:
For our remaining time, we will come back here to Carson City.

Dulce Ayala, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am member leader of Make the Road Nevada, and I support A.B. 98. *Sí, se puede*.

Carlos Velis, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here to support A.B. 98. Dolores Huerta was working for the farm workers' rights in the west side of this country, but we are asking for all the farm workers' rights in the U.S.A. *Sí, se puede*.

Alma Lopez, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here for the organization Make the Road Nevada. [Testified in Spanish and no translation was provided.]

Doralia Medina, Private Citizen, Reno, Nevada:
I am a member of Make the Road Nevada. I just want to say I am a mother, I am a student, I am a worker, and I believe that we all deserve the same opportunity for success, no matter what race or ethnicity you are. I urge you, please, to support A.B. 98.

Erika Marquez, Immigration Justice Organizer, Make the Road Nevada:
Today, I am here with many of my members on Latino Lobby Day—a special, very special day—members that always finish every meeting with that amazing chant that Dolores Huerta made*: sí, se puede*. *Sí, se puede*, to us, means that no matter how many roadblocks, we will—and we can—accomplish to fight for our rights. As a mother of four children—three of which are little girls—activist, and organizer, I know how important this bill is for me, for my family. So please, for this reason, I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Izack Tenorio, Private Citizen, Carson City, Nevada:
I am here in my personal capacity and not representing any client. I am the proud nephew of farm workers here in the U.S. They work in extreme conditions—sometimes in extreme heat

and extreme winters—and they never complain, just to make sure that we have food on the table. On the contrary, they actually want more work, and they get happy when they are offered more work, because that means they provide more food on the table to their families and more resources to their family.

Growing up, we did not really have any heroes or any idols besides César Chávez and Dolores Huerta. I think this is really symbolic, because Dolores Huerta represents what is beautiful, meaningful, and what is right in the Latino community. I think this is really symbolic and important for many generations of young Latinos. I urge you to support this bill.

Ruby Estrada, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am in support of this bill. *Sí, se puede.*

Ivon Meneses, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
Dolores Huerta has been my inspiration for my family. We are in activism, and I am in strong support of the bill.

Chair Considine:
We are at 30 minutes for support right now. I am going to extend this for five minutes. If you each take up to two minutes, the three of you are the last through that testify. If you want to say "ditto," more people can put their name on the record. Also, you have up to 24 hours from this hearing to submit written testimony to the Committee, as well.

Noé Orosco, Manager, Government Affairs, Make the Road Nevada:
I want to echo everything that has already been mentioned. The only thing I do want to add is that Make the Road Nevada is currently working in dialogue with the farm workers in northern Nevada. We are in full support of this. Also, I just want to mention that I am actually a former farm worker, so I fully support this.

Itzi Ortega, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here today, not only as a proud Indigenous Latina, but also as a daughter of farm workers, community representative, journalist, and a firm believer of the power of representation. I am echoing what everybody has said so far. I think this bill is very important.

Why this matters in Nevada: because we, too, are a state built from hardworking hands by immigrants, by women, by people who fight every day with dignity and resilience. When women have a voice, it means teaching our children that leadership can have an accent; that they can wear braids; that leadership can look like their mothers, their granddaughters, the *tías*, the *abuelitas*. We can all raise from our very own communities, and we can also change the history. I kindly urge you to approve A.B. 98.

Wendy Colborne, Chief of Staff, Building and Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada:
I just want to echo all of the sentiments you have already heard here today. Please support this bill.

Francisco Morales, representing Latin Chamber of Commerce:
I am here in full support. Ditto to everything that has been said.

Chester Ruiz, Community Advisor, Nevada Museum of Art:
I had the privilege and the opportunity to work side by side with Dolores Huerta and César Chávez in 1970. All I can say is, Dolores is a force of nature. Her impact on myself and my family—because of the *sí, se puede* spirit—I was able to go on and raise a beautiful family of eight children—five women—and today we are in a better place because of the force of nature that Dolores Huerta experiences and transcends. This will impact many generations here in Nevada. Viva Dolores Huerta, *sí, se puede, y adelante* Nevada.

Gloria Medina, Operations Coordinator, Silver State Voices:
I am in strong support of this bill, and I urge you to support it as well.

Garrett Shishido Strain, International Representative, Region 6, International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America:
Just want to ditto that we are in full support of this bill.

Jay Torres, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Collectivo:
Collectivo is a service-disabled veteran-owned and Latino-owned film production company in Las Vegas. I am also a DJ and cochair of the DJ Latino committee. Mentorship is extremely important and when young people see people in positions that are honored, it really inspires them. Because of that, I am in full support of A.B. 98.

Emmanuel Meneses, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here to support A.B. 98.

Faridy Canales, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am a member of Chispa Nevada and Make the Road Nevada. I am here in support of A.B. 98.

Anthony Ramirez, Director, Government Affairs, Make the Road Nevada:
Just want to ditto my colleague, Noé Orosco, who spoke earlier. We are doing a lot of work among the farm working community here in Nevada. There are about 14,000 farm workers. Dolores Huerta has been a big inspiration to many of them and myself. I am a former farmworker, son of migrant farm workers, and I used to work with the UFW [United Farm Workers] alongside the Dolores Huerta Foundation. Back in 2022, we recreated the 1960s

César Chávez March. Major inspiration to many folks in many of your districts, and the Assemblymembers' districts, of course. Thank you, Assemblymember Moore, for bringing this forward.

Angel Meneses, Private Citizen, Las Vegas, Nevada:
I am here in support. *Sí, se puede*.

Chair Considine:
We will close testimony in support. As a reminder, if you were not able to testify, you can submit written testimony to the Committee 24 hours after the hearing. We will move on to testimony in opposition to Assembly Bill 98. Is there anyone wishing to testify in opposition to A.B. 98? [There was no one.] We will now move on to testimony in neutral. Is there anyone wishing to testify in neutral on A.B. 98? [There was no one.] Would the presenters like to come up to make any final remarks?

Susie Martinez:
I would just like to say to Assemblymember Cinthia Moore, thank you so very much for bringing this bill up; it is so important. You see all the community that came out for it, and this is a time when we are being attacked for our nationalities, when America has always been a melting pot. I can honestly say that I have never been more proud to be Mexican.

Assemblymember Moore:
This bill is very important to me, not just as a granddaughter of a farm worker or a Latina, but also for our future generations. I remember growing up a product of a CCSD [Clark County School District] school, and we never learned about our Latino leaders and the civil rights or labor movement. Just being able to encourage educators to teach about Dolores Huerta is a big step in ensuring that young folks, like the ones that are here today; kids like my son Liam, who is seven; not just for him to learn about the other leaders that we have had, but also know that there are leaders in this movement that look just like us, have some similar backgrounds like us, and for them to be proud of our heritage as well.

[Presented additional remarks in Spanish.] For those who were here testifying in support, it means a lot to me that you were here to testify. We had over 40 people testify in support. *Sí, se puede, y vamos a salir con la lucha, gracias*. Thank you. *Adelante*.

[Exhibit Q and Exhibit R were submitted but not discussed and are included as exhibits for the hearing.]

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Chair Considine:
I will now close the hearing on A.B. 98. We are on to our last item for today, which is public comment. Is there any public comment? [There was none.]

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 8 a.m. here in Room 3143. That concludes our meeting for today. The meeting is adjourned [at 9:54 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Nikki Peterson
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblymember Venicia Considine, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
A.B. 81	C	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 83	D	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 115	E	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 125	F	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 144	G	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 145	H	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 185	I	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 191	J	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 208	K	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 235	L	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 263	M	Alex Drozdoff, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau	Work Session Document
A.B. 98	N	Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore, Assembly District No. 11	YouTube video titled "Dolores Huerta: Yes we can!"

A.B. 98	O	Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore, Assembly District No. 11	Amendment
A.B. 98	P	Paula Luna, Deputy Director, Battle Born Progress	Written testimony
A.B. 98	Q	Assemblymember Cinthia Zermeño Moore, Assembly District No. 11	Flyer titled "AB98 Day of Observance for Dolores Huerta"
A.B. 98	R	Perla Garcia, Private Citizen	Letter in support