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The Honorable Jason Frierson
Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly
The Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 271 of the 79th Legislative Session

Dear Speaker Frierson:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 271 ("AB 271"), which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to local governments; revising provisions relating to collective bargaining between local government employers and employee organizations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

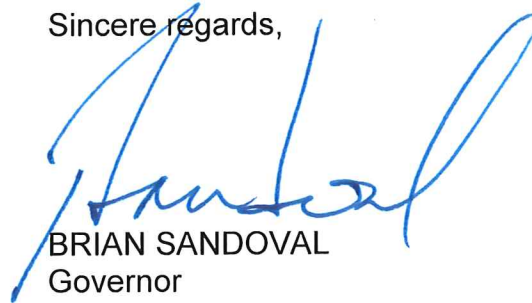
The intent of this bill has merit, and I thank the sponsor for continuing the long-running and important conversation as to how best to protect Nevada's hardworking public servants. Although the bill is well-intended, I cannot support it, because it reverses a bipartisan compromise from the 2015 Legislative Session.

In 2015, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 241 ("SB 241") with overwhelming bipartisan support. SB 241 enacted reasonable reforms to the laws governing public sector collective bargaining. The negotiations and consensus behind that bill are an example of legislation done right. Everyone came to the table – labor and management, Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives. To that end, stakeholders and lawmakers advanced common-sense reforms that had almost no opposition.

AB 271 rolls back some of SB 241's key provisions and passed on partisan lines, reflecting the lack of consensus that accompanied SB 241. There is no evidence that SB 271 is necessary to repeal an important bipartisan reform adopted two years ago.

For these reasons, I veto Assembly Bill 271.

Sincere regards,



BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

- cc: *The Honorable Mark Hutchison, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
The Honorable Aaron Ford, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Barbara Cegavske, Nevada Secretary of State (without enclosure)
Claire J. Clift, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)