SB 287

Increasing Transparency in Government

Supporters







Right to Know Coalition

Legislators from both parties

Nevada Citizens

Senate Bill 287 is an effort to strengthen Nevada's Public Records Law and is supported by the most diverse coalition in Nevada history, alongside legislators from both political parties and the public at large. In fact, of the 140 public comments the bill has already received so far, nearly 95% are from those who support SB287!

So what's standing in the way of SB287's successful passage?

Government agencies and their lobbyists.

One government lobbyist was opposed to the bill because it would require public agencies to "help the people" find what they are looking for. But shouldn't public agencies want to help the members of the public they exist to serve?

Others are opposed to the bill because it would prevent government agencies from charging exorbitant production fees. One Nevada government agency recently argued in court that they should be able to charge production fees that include the pro-rated cost of their electric and gas bill!

As Governor Sisolak recently noted, the biggest problem with Nevada's Public Records Act is the lack of "repercussions" for those who ignore the rules. SB287 solves that problem by imposing a \$500 fine on those who flout the law.

Ask your elected representative to protect your right to know by supporting SB287!



Governor Sisolak has spent his career fighting for transparency:

2011

"The public that is ultimately paying this bill has a right to know...I think that everybody should be in favor of the transparency..."

2015

"That's against everything I believe in and everything Metro should stand for, and that's transparency."

2019

"I was always a big proponent of public records when I was on the county commission. I frankly never understood why it took so long to produce some of this stuff. It's a shame. It's unfortunate."

"I don't understand how it takes so long... something has to be done to simplify that. I mean, we're doing the people's business. That information has to be made available."

