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SENATE BILL NO. 309—SENATORS SPEARMAN, MANENDO,  
PARKS; GOICOECHEA AND HAMMOND

MARCH 18, 2013

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Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Urges the establishment of certain mentoring programs. (BDR S-768)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to mentoring programs; urging the Nevada System of Higher Education and various business organizations to establish mentoring programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 The Nevada System of Higher Education and various business organizations in  
2 this State, such as chambers of commerce, together possess human and other  
3 resources which could be used to establish mentoring programs for business  
4 entrepreneurs. This bill urges the Nevada System of Higher Education and business  
5 organizations in this State to so use their resources.

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1 WHEREAS, Mentors can be crucial to the success of new,  
2 aspiring or struggling business entrepreneurs by supporting the  
3 efforts of those entrepreneurs through teaching, training and  
4 consulting; and

5 WHEREAS, Mentors can help business entrepreneurs develop  
6 business plans, project growth and tackle tough issues; and

7 WHEREAS, A mentor can be one of the most valuable resources  
8 for a business entrepreneur seeking to start a business, grow a  
9 business or create jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Many business organizations throughout this State  
11 are made up of Nevadans who have the expertise and willingness to  
12 serve as mentors for business entrepreneurs; and

13 WHEREAS, The Nevada System of Higher Education possesses  
14 the resources to identify aspiring business entrepreneurs, advertise



1 mentoring programs and facilitate the matching of such  
2 entrepreneurs with people willing and able to serve as mentors; now,  
3 therefore,

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5 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
6 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:  
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8 **Section 1.** The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 1. Mentoring programs are needed and valuable for the growth  
10 and development of business entrepreneurs and a robust business  
11 community in this State; and

12 2. The Legislature hereby urges the Nevada System of Higher  
13 Education and business organizations in this State, including,  
14 without limitation, the chambers of commerce within the State of  
15 Nevada, to:

16 (a) Work together to establish mentoring programs for the  
17 purpose of matching up mentors who are successful business  
18 entrepreneurs with new, aspiring or struggling business  
19 entrepreneurs in this State, especially those new, aspiring or  
20 struggling business entrepreneurs who are veterans, small business  
21 owners or minority business owners; and

22 (b) Identify and reach out to other business organizations in this  
23 State to participate in and assist with establishing mentoring  
24 programs and providing mentors.

25 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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