



April 12, 2023

Assembly Committee on Education
Chair, Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod

Re: SUPPORT for AB 282

Honorable Chair Bilbray-Axelrod and Committee Members,

Educate Nevada Now (“ENN”), powered by The Rogers Foundation, is a nonpartisan education policy organization focused on ensuring all students have the resources they need to be successful, regardless of their background or zip code. On behalf of ENN, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in support of AB 282, a bill that will offer health insurance subsidies to long-term substitute teachers while our state faces a dire teacher shortage.

Substitute teachers serve as a last line of defense. They are there to cover when teachers are sick, need time off or when schools are unable to hire teachers. Many schools rely on our long-term substitutes to serve as something more akin to a permanent educator for their students, without the financial benefits of that commitment. Access to health care is an essential, and AB 282’s subsidy for health insurance is a step toward honoring their commitment to our schools and students.

We unfortunately have come to rely heavily on our long-term substitutes, and they accept the challenge of serving the role of teacher. Thus, we should provide them respect and support they deserve by passing AB 282 and its amendment.

We sincerely appreciate the Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong and the other cosponsors for bringing forward this important bill. Thank you for your commitment to Nevada students.

Respectfully,

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