

Step-by-Step Guide for emailing **REPUBLICAN** Legislators

This is an extremely helpful format when sending a Bill or BDR synopsis to **REPUBLICAN** legislators. This format makes it very easy for the **REPUBLICAN** Legislators to get the gist of what the bill would mean for Nevadans. (When addressing an entire Committee, Sub-Committee or the whole Assembly or Senate, write out your opinion in complete sentences.)

Subject of email: AB XXX (BDR XXX or Bill XXX)

Interior of email: AB XXX is 15 pages

Write one or two sentences saying what the bill is all about. (Keep it brief.)

Answer the question “Is this Bill good or bad for Nevada”

1st reason it is good or bad for Nevadans

2nd reason it is good or bad for Nevadans

3rd reason it is good or bad for Nevadans

4th reason it is good or bad for Nevadans

If you have documentation supporting your synopsis of the bill, include the link at the bottom. Examples would be scientific papers, environmental studies, examples of demonstrated failures in other states that did what this bill is suggesting, etc.

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**Subject:** SB32

SB32 is 15 pages.

SB32 is a bill about making changes to the substance abuse/mental health issue programs for offenders within the NV Dept. of Corrections. If passed as written it could be counterproductive for achieving effective treatment for offenders with these issues.

This would NOT be a good bill for Nevada because:

- Substituting an in-house “therapeutic community” for an outside “program of treatment for offenders with substance abuse or co-occurring disorders” would create a flight risk.
- The “appropriate precautions to prevent escape” language is too vague.
- “Programs of treatment for offenders with substance abuse or co-occurring disorders” from one year to five months (and aftercare to three months) does not explain how a shorter treatment period for substance abuse or co-occurring disorders would be at all effective.
- The proposed changes to this bill do not demonstrate how they will benefit offenders with substance use or co-occurring disorders nor Nevadans.