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Office of the Governor

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Chair Mo Denis and Vice Chair Maggie Carlton
Interim Finance Committee

RE: Central Nevada Health District Assessment Fee Exemption

Dear Chair Denis, Vice Chair Carlton and members of the Interim Finance Committee,

I write to you today to provide my recommendation that the local government entities seeking to become the Central Nevada Health District receive Interim Finance Committee approval to be exempted from paying assessment fees for public health services currently provided by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The counties participating in the Central Nevada Health District include Churchill County, Mineral County, Pershing County, and Eureka County.

As required under NRS 439.4905, a county may submit a proposal to the Governor to carry out the services that would otherwise be provided by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health or the Chief Medical Officer. The Central Nevada Health District counties submitted their signed proposal on May 26, 2022. The services that will be provided by Central Nevada Health District include environmental health, community health nursing, tuberculosis and sexually transmitted disease control and prevention, and all other communicable disease investigation and mitigation activities. It is the expectation that Churchill County will take over these services on July 1, 2023, and no further assessments will be charged.

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is supportive of the formation of the Central Nevada Health District and will account for the change in the assessment in their biennial budget.

If approved, the Central Nevada Health District will be the first regional, frontier public health district in Nevada and will create opportunities to serve residents locally to address public health needs that improve the health of Nevadans and visitors to these counties.

I submit this letter to express my support and approval for the Central Nevada Health District to request the discontinuation of fee assessments if approved by the Interim Finance Committee as outlined in NRS 439.4905

Sincerely,



Governor Steve Sisolak
State of Nevada