



Republican Assembly Caucus

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Republican Assembly Caucus Will Support The Governors Budget

CARSON CITY- Republican lawmakers say reforms to education, collective bargaining and the state's retirement were a win for all Nevadans. GOP members were also pleased the Governor's budget eliminated payroll taxes for 70% of Nevada's smallest businesses.

Republicans are relieved that the size and scope of state government was reduced by the final budget numbers that were in fact lower than the 2009-2011 Bienium.

At the beginning of the legislative session, Republican's pushed for reforms to the Public Employment Benefit System (PEBS), Chapter 40, Prevailing Wages, Education and Collective Bargaining. The success of these reforms would implement government accountability and fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars.

Republicans achieved major reforms to education, PEBS, and collective bargaining. "We haven't had real reforms in years," said Assembly Minority Leader Pete Goicoechea, Eureka-R. "We are spending over half a billion less this biennium. This equates to a 3% reduction in overall spending. From the onset of this session we pushed for fiscal responsibility. Though we still have a long ways to go, this is a step in the right direction," said Goicoechea.

Major reforms were made to education that will improve the experience children receive in the classroom. One of the reforms made will establish an evaluation system to monitor the performance of teachers and administrators. The current law makes it nearly impossible to fire poor performing educators. Now, two consecutive poor rating will place the educator on probation, allowing for any easier dismissal.

These reforms would not have been possible without the continuing support of the Republican Assembly Caucus. While Democrats proposed \$1.2 billion in new taxes, Republicans led the way to a balanced budget that accomplishes more by spending less.

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