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Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead announces legislation to ease licensing burdens for Nevada small business owners

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead announced today, Oct. 13, that she has filed a **bill draft request** to improve the general licensing processes for Nevada businesses, and empower the **Secretary of State's Office** to serve as "one-stop-shop" for business owners.

Under the bill, which will be considered by the 82nd Nevada Legislature in 2023, the Secretary of State's office would serve as a clearing house for general business license applications and renewals. Regulatory authority and licensing revenue streams would remain untouched, and under the purview of counties and municipalities.

Under the proposed legislation, business owners applying for or renewing a general business license would go to the Secretary of State's Office or visit their website, submit required information and pay all the necessary fees for the license(s) they need. The Secretary of State's Office would then distribute their information and fees to the proper counties or municipalities for approval and filing.

While this bill would ease licensing burdens for all Nevada businesses, it will have a more direct effect on Nevada's small businesses, who often face greater barriers to entry.

The Lieutenant Governor's portfolio is heavy on business and economic development, serving as both a member of the **Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)** and overseeing the **Office of Small Business Advocacy (OSBA)**, which Lieutenant Governor Cano Burkhead launched earlier this year.

“In speaking with small business owners across our state, a key issue I hear facing them is that the licensing process is confusing and burdensome,” **Lieutenant Governor Cano Burkhead** said. “This bill will make the startup process easier for small business owners, while not taking local authority or revenue away from the counties and municipalities. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Under **NRS 218D.175**, the Lieutenant Governor may file up to three bill draft requests for consideration by the legislature. Future bill draft requests will be announced at a later date.

Media are asked to send interview requests for Lieutenant Governor Cano Burkhead to justinemerson@ltgov.nv.gov.

About Lieutenant Governor Lisa Cano Burkhead

Lisa Cano Burkhead is a first-generation Latina, the daughter of immigrant parents from South America who came to Las Vegas to find the American Dream. A lifelong educator, she spent 25 years working in Nevada public schools, first as a Spanish and English teacher and later as an administrator and principal.

As Lieutenant Governor, she is an advocate for the needs of public education and uses her position and platform to uplift the voices of students, educators and parents.

The Lieutenant Governor serves as:

- A member of the Governor's Cabinet;
- [President of the State Senate](#);
- [Chair of the Nevada Commission on Tourism](#);
- [Chair of the Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation](#);
- [Chair of the Keep Nevada Working Task Force](#);
- [Vice Chair of the Board of Transportation](#);
- [A member of the Board of Economic Development](#);
- [A member of the Executive Budget Audit Committee](#);
- [A member of the Nevada Homeland Security Commission](#).

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