

Kristine Nelson: Good afternoon, everybody, and welcome to this. November 12th 2024 public meeting on the notice of intent to act upon regulations.

Kristine Nelson: I hereby open agenda, item number one, and call this meeting to order

Kristine Nelson: for the record. My name is Kristine Nelson, and I service the Administrator for the Employment Security Division. Here, at the Nevada Department of Employment training, rehabilitation.

Kristine Nelson: this public meeting is being conducted in compliance with Nevada revised statute, Nrs. 233.0608.

Kristine Nelson: The purpose of this public meeting is to solicit further public comment and take possible action on the proposed regulation amendments posted with today's agenda under item number 5, regulation number 19424, which proposes amendments to Nevada, administrative Code 612.270, prescribing the unemployment insurance contribution tax rate schedule for calendar year 2025.

Kristine Nelson: There will be 2 public comment periods, one at the beginning of the agenda and one at the end.

Kristine Nelson: and each speaker will be limited to 3 min, and no action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period, nor any other matter that is not included on today's agenda.

Kristine Nelson: And with that I'll go ahead and close agenda. Item number one and open agenda. Item number 2, which is the 1st public comment period.

Kristine Nelson: I'll start in Carson City. Is there anybody? Is there anyone present here in Carson City who would like to provide public comment?

Melissa Potter: Melissa Potter, for the record. There is no presence here in Carson City.

Kristine Nelson: Thanks, Melissa, moving to Las Vegas. Is there anybody present in Las Vegas who would like to come forward to provide public comment.

Andrew Wiersma: Are we unmuted? No.

Andrew Wiersma: Unmuted? Are we unmuted.

MASS ESD: Yes.

Andrew Wiersma: Okay, Andrew Wiersma, for the record in Las Vegas. Yes, we do have someone that would like to provide public comment.

Paul Moronkin: Mr. Paul Moronkin, of the Las Vegas Chamber. Thank you for the record, Paul Morakin. I serve as the Vegas Chamber, senior Vice President of Affairs. The Chamber is in support of the measures in front of the division today regarding keeping the experience rating about a 1.6 5 average for those businesses that have at least 3 years of experience rating with the division. As you know, Nevada's employees are still struggling additional costs in operating businesses, especially our small business members.

Paul Moronkin: So we do appreciate the rates staying the same, of course, at 2.9 5 dictated by Nrs.

Paul Moronkin: But we do appreciate the fact that this will be staying the same for 2025. I also want to thank the division staff with working with the Chamber last week to ensure that trade associations are notified of the hearings through and arrest that this impact statement and appreciate that future collaboration in future years. So again, thank you, we are supportive, the rate staying the same, and I appreciate your time today. Thank you very much.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you very much for your public comment. Is there anybody else in Las Vegas who would like to come forward to provide public comment at this time.

Kristine Nelson: Okay, hearing none, I'll go ahead and move to the phone lines and zoom. Are there any members of the public on the phone lines or on the zoom public meeting that would like to come forward to provide public comment.

Melissa Potter: Melissa Potter, for the record. There are no zoom or phone lines, comments available.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you, Miss Potter. Moving on. I'll go into close agenda. Item number 2 and open agenda. Item number 3, which is confirmation of posting

Kristine Nelson: Ms. Potter was proper notice provided for this notice of intent act upon regulations. Public meeting pursuant to Nevada's open meeting. Law, NRS 241.020

Melissa Potter: Melissa Potter, for the record I hereby attest and affirm that proper notice was given for this November 12th 2024. Notice of intent to act upon regulations. Public meeting pursuant to Nevada's open meeting. Law. NRS 241.020.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you, Miss Potter.

Kristine Nelson: I'll go ahead and close agenda. Item number 3 and open agenda. Item number 4, which is a review of any written comments received by the Department in response to today's public meeting notice

Kristine Nelson: Miss Potter. Did the department and or the division receive any written comments, and, if so, please, read them into the record.

Melissa Potter: Melissa Potter, for the record. No written comments were received on the notice and agenda of today's public meeting.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you, Miss Potter.

Kristine Nelson: Moving on. I'll go ahead and close agenda. Item number 4 and open agenda. Item number 5, which includes one item for possible action pertaining to regulation amendments proposed in NAC 612.270, as drafted in regulation number R. 194. Attached to today's agenda and showing on the screen. During this public meeting

Kristine Nelson: for some background, the division began its rulemaking process on September 32,024, wherein I conducted a small business workshop to solicit public comments to the posted. The posted small business impact statement related to said proposed regulation amendments

Kristine Nelson: for the record. No public comments were made during the workshop, nor did the department and or division receive any written public comments on said regulatory amendment which is being brought forth for possible action today.

Kristine Nelson: Agenda, item number 5 proposes regulation amendments to NAC 612.270, which prescribes the schedule of rates of Ui. Contributions for employers for UI taxes for the calendar year 2025.

Kristine Nelson: Pursuant to NRS 612.550, Subsection, 7. As the Employment Security Division Administrator. I am required to set said rates annually by September 30th of of each year, and this meeting is the culmination of that rulemaking process.

Kristine Nelson: The determination factors that have gone into my considerations include the following one, the highest of the unemployment risk ratios experienced in the 109 consecutive 12 month periods in the 10 years ending on March 31st

Kristine Nelson: 2, the potential annual number of beneficiaries found by multiplying the highest unemployment risk ratio by the average monthly number of covered workers in employment, as shown on the records of the of the division for the 12 months ending on March 31st

Kristine Nelson: 3, the potential annual number of weeks of benefits payable, found by multiplying the potential number of beneficiaries by the highest average actual duration experienced in the 109 consecutive 12 month periods in the 10 years ending on September 30th

Kristine Nelson: and for the potential maximum number, maximum annual benefits payable found by multiplying the potential annual numbers.

Kristine Nelson: number of weeks of benefits payable by the average payment made to beneficiaries for weeks. Of the total unemployment in the 12 months ending on September 30th

Kristine Nelson: what is outlined in regulation draft number 19r.194, 2, 4 is my determinations based on said considerations, and after careful review and consideration of all public comments made during this rulemaking process.

Kristine Nelson: pursuant to the power and authority vested in me per NRS 612.220. I hereby adopt the regulatory amendments as outlined and drafted in NAC 612.270.

Kristine Nelson: number R194-24, which represents an unchanged average. U.I. contribute contribution rate of 1.65% from 2024 to 2025,

Kristine Nelson: with no change to the 1.65% average U.I. contribution rate, the average burden on employers will remain steady and will not revert to the standard U.I. contribution rate of 2.95%.

Kristine Nelson: And with that I'll go ahead and close agenda, item number 5 and open agenda. Item number 6, which is the final public comment period.

Kristine Nelson: Is there anybody present here in Carson City who would like to come forward to provide public comment.

Melissa Potter: Melissa Potter, for the record. There is no presence here in Carson City.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you. Moving on to Las Vegas. Is there anywhere present in Las Vegas who would like to provide additional public comment at this time.

Andrew Wiersma: Andrew Wiersma for the record. There was no one wishing to provide comment at this time.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you. Moving to the phone lines and the live Zoom Meeting. Are there any callers or participants on the phone or online who would like to come forward to provide public comment.

Melissa Potter: Melissa Potter, for the record. There are no online or zoom comments.

Kristine Nelson: Thank you. So with that, I'll go ahead and close agenda. Item number 6 and open agenda. Item number 7, which is to adjourn today's public meeting.

Kristine Nelson: The next step in formalizing this regulatory amendment. Adoption is placement on the Nevada Legislative Commission's December 19th 2024 agenda, which begins at 9 AM.

Kristine Nelson: For up-to-date information. We encourage you all to monitor our website DETR.NV.GOV

Kristine Nelson: and or Nevada's regulation notices website: notices.nv.gov.

Kristine Nelson: thank you very much for attending our public meeting today, and I hereby adjourn this. November 12th 2024 public meeting.