

PROVIDING TESTIMONY BY PHONE:

Provide live testimony if you can!

Register to participate by phone **before Tuesday, March 16**

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/MeetingParticipation/9075>

When providing testimony over the phone, state your name and organization. Phone testimony will be limited to two minutes so keep it brief. Be sure to specify that you are in support and provide a few key personal reasons of why.

KEY POINTS:

- The proposed \$25 increase to the marriage license fee will secure a much-needed increase in the only state funding for domestic violence programs. It will also create the first ever funding to be distributed statewide for sexual violence programs
- Without this funding, advocacy programs will not be able to expand their lifesaving services, which include: shelter; advocacy with law enforcement, hospitals, and the courts; trauma recovery support groups and more.
- Over the past five years, there has been a steady increase in the reported rapes and domestic violence offenses to law enforcement in Nevada.
 - From 2017 to 2018, law enforcement saw a 24.34% increase in the number of reported rapes.
 - From the years 2015 to 2017, there was ~1.5% increase each year in the number of reported domestic violence cases.

We know that for every reported number to law enforcement there are a handful of victim-survivors not reporting but seeking the lifesaving services of advocacy organizations.