

Nev. firms score well with LGBT group

The parent companies of three Stateline casino companies this week received high marks from the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights organization.

The 2015 Corporate Equality Index is an annual report assessing LGBT inclusion in major companies and law firms across the nation, including six in Nevada.

Nevada rankings:

- Caesars Entertainment Corp. – 100 (parent company of Harrah's Lake Tahoe and Harveys)
- MGM Resorts International – 100
- Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas – 100
- Wynn Resorts Ltd. – 100
- Tropicana – 90 (parent of MontBleu)
- NV Energy Inc. – 70.

In total, 781 companies were officially rated in the 2015 CEI, up from 734 in the 2014 report. The report also unofficially rated 190 Fortune 500 companies that have yet to respond to the CEI survey about their LGBT policies and practices.

“When it comes to LGBT equality, corporate America is a leader, not a follower,” HRC President Chad Griffin said in a statement. “At every turn, from advocating for marriage equality to providing vital support for transgender employees, this country's leading companies have asked, ‘what more can we do?’ and they've worked tirelessly to achieve new progress. That kind of leadership changes countless lives around this country, and sets an important example to other companies around the globe.”

Griffin cautions, however, that despite steady progress, LGBT workers still face major obstacles.

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