

Opinion: Nevada's tax system is failing

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Gov. Brian Sandoval said it. The Chamber of Commerce is saying it. Democrats are saying it. Republicans are saying it.

Saying what? The tax system in Nevada needs reform.

Why now? My mentor, Reuben Zubrow, did a study in 1960 which the Nevada Legislature used to build a tax system that was simple, stable and synchronized with the budget. For two decades, it funded our state effectively on three legs: property, sales and gross gaming revenue taxes. It was designed to collect lots of taxes from folks who live outside Nevada.

Starting in the 1970s, however, things changed in two ways.

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