

Gaming on legislative radar, even if not the focus

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Nevada's casino industry hasn't been the main focus this year in the Legislature, but it is an important part of the action in Carson City.

Casino executives have been a key voice in this session's main debate: whether and how to boost education funding, specifically through Gov. Brian Sandoval's proposed expansion of the business license fee, which the Nevada Resort Association supports.

Association President Virginia Valentine said the gaming industry would pay about 58 percent of all business taxes collected by the state if Sandoval's plan is approved, but association members have a vested interest in improving education and think Sandoval's vision is the best way to get there.

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