

# Is Nevada's death penalty a 'broken system?'

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In the last 40 years, 160 Nevadans have been sentenced to death.

Only 12 were ever executed.

That's a key argument proponents of a bill to effectively abolish the death penalty are using now that Assembly Bill 237 is making its initial steps through the Nevada Legislature. In short, the death penalty costs too much and isn't delivering results.

The future of the state's death penalty is being debated in the Nevada Legislature, and the bill got its first hearing on Wednesday. Supporters argued that a death penalty case costs half-a-million more than a non-death penalty case, and it's rarely used because the state lacks the lethal drugs it needs.

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