

Nevada laws push toward gender equality

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In a Legislature in which the ratio of women to men was among the country's highest, gender equality issues ranging from tampon taxes to equal pay were advanced.

Representing less than a quarter of the nation's lawmakers, women held almost 40 percent of the seats across Nevada's Senate and Assembly in the 2017 session. Ellen Spiegel, a Democratic assemblywoman from Henderson, said this year's session demonstrated the difference more women can make.

"Having so many women legislators be interested in women's issues and with there being enough of us, we were able to make our voices heard and make an impact," said Spiegel, who sponsored Assembly Bill 113 on accommodations for working mothers.

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