

Idea for Nevada BDR  
Nevadans on the Go!  
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There is a need in Nevada for timely wheelchair repair. Many times when a person's wheelchair breaks, they have to wait months for a repair due to repair shops not keeping parts in stock. This is very detrimental to wheelchair users because it affects their health, takes away their independence and removes their ability to work, go to school, and perform other functions of daily living.

This bill would require wheelchair repair shops to keep certain parts in stock at all times. That would enable Nevadans who use wheelchairs to stay healthy, keep their jobs, and continue with their lives.

Recently, my electric wheelchair broke. I woke up one day and went to turn it on, and it wasn't doing anything. The wire that goes from the motor to the joystick had a short in it. For 6 months I was without my electric chair because the repair shop did not have the parts in stock to fix it. I had to use a manual chair. I am not able to get around independently using a manual chair so that took away my independence. Also, my health began to deteriorate. I was not able to go to work to support myself or perform activities of daily living.

I know a good amount of people who have gone through the same stressful situation as I did. Not having a working wheelchair puts people at risk for injury. Also people are losing their jobs because they can't get to work without their chair.

We need a way to ensure that wheelchair repair shops have wheelchair parts in stock so that people keep their health and jobs and can function in life. Let's keep Nevadans moving!