



WASHOE COUNTY

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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2015 Bills of Interest As of March 10, 2015

Bill Number	Description of Legislation/Notes
SB11	<p><i>Grants power to local governments to perform certain acts or duties which are not prohibited or limited by statute. (Home Rule)</i></p> <p>Summary: Authorizes counties and cities, with limited exceptions, to exercise the powers necessary for the effective operation of county and city government. Under existing law, county commissioners are authorized to exercise only those powers which are expressly granted and powers that are necessarily implied to carry out express powers. (<i>Sadler v. Board of County Comm'rs</i>, 15 Nev. 39, 42 (1880)) Sections 2-7 of this bill authorize a board of county commissioners, with limited exceptions, to exercise all powers needed for the effective operation of county government, even if the power to perform these acts is neither express nor implied, so long as the power is not expressly prohibited or limited by constitutional or statutory provisions or granted to another entity.</p> <p>Status: No action taken by the Senate Government Affairs Committee. No fiscal note requested.</p>
SB19	<p><i>Authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to place an advisory question on the ballot at a general election. (Washoe County School District)</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law authorizes the governing body of a county or city to submit an advisory question to the voters of the county or city. (NRS 295.230) Section 3 of this bill authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to submit an advisory question to the voters within its jurisdiction at a general election.</p> <p>Status: No action taken by the Senate Legislative Operations and Elections Committee. No fiscal note requested.</p>
SB28	<p><i>Clarifies provisions governing the fees that may be charged for providing copies of certain public records.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to public records; authorizing a governmental entity to charge for the actual cost of time utilized by an employee when responding to a request for a public record that requires an extraordinary use of personnel; defining the term "extraordinary use of its personnel or technological resources."</p> <p>Status: No action was taken by the Senate Government Affairs Committee. No fiscal note requested.</p>



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<p>SB30</p>	<p><i>Authorizes a board of county commissioners to withhold longevity pay for certain elected county officers under certain circumstances.</i></p> <p>Summary: Authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt a resolution withholding longevity pay for elected county officers under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Status: The bill was amended and passed by the Senate Government Affairs Committee. Next step is to move the Senate floor for a full vote. No fiscal note requested.</p>
<p>SB70</p>	<p><i>Revises provisions governing meetings of public bodies</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to public bodies; making various changes relating to meetings of public bodies.</p> <p>Status: No action was taken by the Senate Government Affairs Committee. Washoe County Clerk's Office submitted a fiscal note for \$85,000. Providing for the use of portable event recording devices by local law enforcement agencies in certain counties</p>
<p>SB111</p>	<p>Summary: An act relating to peace officers; requiring certain peace officers in certain counties to wear a portable event recording device while on duty; requiring local law enforcement agencies in certain counties to adopt policies and procedures governing the use of portable event recording devices; exempting the use of portable event recording devices from provisions governing the interception of certain communications; exempting the use of portable event recording devices upon certain property.</p> <p>Status: SB 111 is scheduled for a hearing in Senate Government Affairs on March 11, 2015. Washoe County Sheriff's Department submitted a fiscal note for the following years. FY 2014-2015 will be \$1,017,746, FY 2015-2016 will be \$640,056, FY 2016-2017 will be \$640,056 and Future Biennia will be \$640,056.</p>
<p>SB158</p>	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local governments</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to local governments; requiring the governing body of a local government to make certain information available to the public before the governing body meets to approve a collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement.</p> <p>Status: No action taken by the Senate Government Affairs Committee. Washoe County submitted a fiscal note that there could be a fiscal impact, but we would not be able to quantify.</p>



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SB168	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local government employers</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to local governments; revising provisions relating to the reopening of a collective bargaining agreement during a period of fiscal emergency; excluding certain money from collective bargaining negotiations and from consideration in determining the ability of a local government to pay compensation and monetary benefits.</p> <p>Status: <u>No action taken by the Senate Government Affairs Committee. No fiscal note requested.</u></p>
SB185	<p><i>Makes changes relating to fire and related emergency services in certain counties</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law authorizes the municipalities of this State to provide fire protection services. (NRS 268.730) Existing law also authorizes the creation of districts for a fire department by boards of county commissioners and the creation of fire protection districts and county fire protection districts. (NRS 244.2961, 473.034, 474.110, 474.460) This bill requires, in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000 (currently Washoe County), the entity that is responsible for the emergency fire-fighting vehicle located closest to a fire to respond to and take all actions necessary to suppress the fire regardless of whether the location of the fire falls within the territory served by the entity.</p> <p>Status: <u>The bill has not been scheduled for a hearing. Washoe County submitted a fiscal note that it would have minimal impact.</u></p>
SB 276	<p><i>Revises provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to medical marijuana; revising provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments.</p> <p>Status: <u>Has not been scheduled for a hearing. Washoe County submitted a fiscal note that the fiscal impact cannot be determined.</u></p>
SB 411	<p><i>Allows the imposition of additional statutory taxes in a county to fund capital projects of the school district based on the recommendations of a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee and voter approval.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to taxation; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district to adopt a resolution establishing the formation of a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee to recommend the imposition of one or more statutory taxes to fund the capital projects of the school district; providing that if such a Committee is formed and submits its recommendations to the board of county commissioners within the time prescribed, the board of county commissioners is required to submit a question to the voters at the 2016 General Election asking whether the statutory tax or taxes should be imposed in the county; requiring the board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance imposing any such statutory tax or taxes that are approved by the voters; providing for the prospective expiration of the authority of a board of trustees to establish such a Committee.</p>



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	<p>Status: Has not been scheduled for a hearing. The Legislative Counsel Bureau requested a fiscal note from Washoe County.</p>
AB54	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to local governments existing in a severe financial emergency.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to local financial administration; revising provisions governing the operation of the Committee on Local Government Finance; revising provisions relating to the management of a local government existing in a severe financial emergency.</p> <p>Status: No action was taken by the Assembly Government Affairs Committee. No fiscal note was requested.</p> <p><i>Authorizes a registered voter to elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail.</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law requires each county and city clerk to mail a sample ballot to each registered voter in the applicable county or city. Sections 2 and 4 of this bill require each county and city clerk to distribute a sample ballot by electronic mail to each registered voter who elects to receive sample ballots in that manner.</p> <p>Status: No action taken by the Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections Committee. Washoe County Registrar of Voters submitted a fiscal note for the following years. FY 2014-2015 will be \$75,000, FY 2015-2016 will be \$25,000, FY 2016-17 will be \$25,000 and Future Biennia will be \$50,000.</p> <p><i>Revises provisions governing the use of portable event recording devices by law enforcement.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to peace officers; requiring certain peace officers to wear a portable event recording device while on duty; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures governing the use of portable event recording devices; exempting the use of portable event recording devices from the provisions governing the interception of certain communications; exempting the use of portable event recording devices upon certain property.</p> <p>Status: No action. Washoe County Sheriff's Office submitted a fiscal note for the following years. FY 2014-2015 will be \$1,017,746, FY 2015-2016 will be \$640,056, FY 2016-2017 will be \$640,056 and Future Biennia will be \$640,056</p>
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AB162	



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AB182	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local government employers.</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to local governments; prohibiting a local government employer from entering into an agreement to pay dues to an employee organization through deductions from compensation; prohibiting such an employer from providing paid leave or paying compensation or benefits for time spent by an employee in providing services to an employee organization; prohibiting the inclusion of certain employees in a bargaining unit; revising provisions relating to a reduction in force; providing that a collective bargaining agreement between a local government employer and a recognized employee organization expires for certain purposes at the end of the term stated in the agreement; requiring public notice of collective bargaining; eliminating final and binding fact-finding except upon the election of the governing body; removing a portion of the budgeted ending fund balance of certain governmental funds from the scope of collective bargaining and from consideration by a fact finder; eliminating statutory impasse arbitration for firefighters, police officers, teachers and educational support personnel.</p> <p>Status: The bill has not been scheduled for a hearing. Washoe County submitted a fiscal note that there will be a fiscal impact, but it cannot be determined.</p>
AB 249	<p><i>Makes various changes relating to collective Bargaining</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to local governments; requiring that a copy of a proposed collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement of a local government employer be made available to the public before its approval by the governing body of the local government; revising the process of fact-finding and arbitration following an impasse in bargaining; removing a portion of the budgeted ending fund balance of the general fund of a local government from the scope of collective bargaining and from consideration by a fact finder or arbitrator.</p> <p>Status: Scheduled for a hearing on 3/25</p>
AB 333	<p><i>Provides for the consolidation of certain fire protection districts in certain counties</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to fire protection districts; providing for the consolidation of certain fire protection districts located in a county whose population is less than 700,000 under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Status: Hearing on 3/26</p>
AB 417	<p><i>Extends the deadline for approval of the revision of the boundary line between Storey and Washoe Counties</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to counties; extending the deadline for approval of the revisions of the boundary line between Storey County and Washoe County by the Board of County Commissioners of Storey County and the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County.</p> <p>Status: No hearing scheduled</p>



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The attached document was submitted to the
Washoe County Board of Commissioners during
the meeting held on March 24, 2015.
by Manager's Office
for Agenda Item No. 21
and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(7) as
amended by AB65 of the 2013 Legislative Session.

SENATE BILL NO. 314—SENATOR ROBERSON

MARCH 16, 2015

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing certain health districts.
(BDR 40-957)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public health; revising the composition and duties of health districts in certain larger counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates a health district in a county whose population is 700,000 or
2 more (currently Clark County). The health district consists of a district health
3 officer and a district board of health, which consists of representatives selected by
4 various governmental entities and additional members selected by those
5 representatives. (NRS 439.362) **Section 3** of this bill revises the composition of
6 such a health district to include a district administrative director and a public health
7 advisory board. **Section 3** provides that certain members selected by the
8 representatives of various governmental entities under current law no longer serve
9 as voting members of the district board of health and instead comprise the public
10 health advisory board, the members of which serve as nonvoting members of the
11 district board of health. **Section 3** additionally includes one resident of each city in
12 the county, as selected by the governing body of the city, on the public health
13 advisory board. **Section 3** also prohibits any member of the district board of health
14 from designating another person to vote, participate in a discussion or otherwise
15 serve on his or her behalf. **Section 4** of this bill provides for the conversion of the
16 currently serving members of a district board of health whose positions would
17 become part of a public health advisory board pursuant to **section 3**. **Section 1** of
18 this bill provides for the appointment, qualifications, duties and compensation of a
19 district administrative director.



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mgr's office

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 439 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 **1. *The district board of health shall appoint a district***
4 ***administrative director who shall direct the work of the health***
5 ***district, administer the health district and perform any other duties***
6 ***specified by the board.***

7 **2. *The district administrative director must have at least 2***
8 ***years of experience, or the equivalent, in a responsible***
9 ***administrative position.***

10 **3. *The district administrative director is entitled to receive a***
11 ***salary fixed by the district board of health and serves at the***
12 ***pleasure of the board.***

13 **Sec. 2.** NRS 439.361 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 439.361 The provisions of NRS 439.361 to 439.368, inclusive,
15 ***and section 1 of this act*** apply to a county whose population is
16 700,000 or more.

17 **Sec. 3.** NRS 439.362 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 439.362 1. A health district with a health department
19 consisting of a district health officer , ***a district administrative***
20 ***director, a public health advisory board*** and a district board of
21 health is hereby created.

22 2. The district board of health consists of:

23 (a) Representatives selected by the following entities from
24 among their elected members:

25 (1) Two representatives of the board of county
26 commissioners;

27 (2) Two representatives of the governing body of the largest
28 incorporated city in the county; and

29 (3) One representative of the governing body of each other
30 city in the county; and

31 (b) The following representatives, selected by the elected
32 representatives of the district board of health selected pursuant to
33 paragraph (a), who shall represent the health district at large and
34 who must be selected based on their qualifications without regard to
35 the location within the health district of their residence or their place
36 of employment:

37 (1) ~~{Two representatives}~~ ***One representative*** who ~~{are~~
38 ~~*physicians}*~~ ***is a physician*** licensed to practice medicine in this State
39 ~~;~~ ~~{one of whom is selected on the basis of his or her education,~~
40 ~~training, experience or demonstrated abilities in the provision of~~
41 ~~health care services to members of minority groups and other~~
42 ~~medically underserved populations;}~~



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- 1 (2) ~~{One representative who is a nurse licensed to practice~~
2 ~~nursing in this State;~~
3 ~~— (3) One representative who has a background or expertise in~~
4 ~~environmental health or environmental health services;~~
5 ~~— (4) One representative of a nongaming business or from an~~
6 industry that is subject to regulation by the health district; and
7 ~~{(5)}~~ (3) One representative of the association of gaming
8 establishments whose membership in the county collectively paid
9 the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in
10 the preceding year, who must be selected from a list of nominees
11 submitted by the association. If no such association exists, the
12 representative selected pursuant to this subparagraph must represent
13 the gaming industry.

- 14 3. *The public health advisory board consists of:*
15 (a) *One resident of each city in the county selected by the*
16 *governing body of each such city; and*
17 (b) *The following representatives, selected by the district board*
18 *of health, who shall advise the health district on matters relating*
19 *to public health and who must be selected based on their*
20 *qualifications without regard to the location within the health*
21 *district of their residence or their place of employment:*
22 (1) *One representative who is a physician licensed to*
23 *practice medicine in this State, selected on the basis of his or her*
24 *education, training, experience or demonstrated abilities in the*
25 *provision of health care services to members of minority groups*
26 *and other medically underserved populations;*
27 (2) *One representative who is a nurse licensed to practice*
28 *nursing in this State; and*
29 (3) *One representative who has a background or expertise*
30 *in environmental health or environmental health services.*

31 4. *Members of the public health advisory board serve as*
32 *nonvoting members of the district board of health. A member of*
33 *the district board of health may not designate another person to*
34 *vote, participate in a discussion or otherwise serve on his or her*
35 *behalf.*

36 5. Members of the district board of health *and the public*
37 *health advisory board* serve terms of 2 years. Vacancies must be
38 filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder
39 of the unexpired term. Members serve without additional
40 compensation for their services, but are entitled to reimbursement
41 for necessary expenses for attending meetings or otherwise
42 engaging in the business of ~~{the}~~ *their respective* board.

43 ~~{4.}~~ 6. The district board of health shall meet in July of each
44 year to organize and elect one of its *voting* members *selected*
45 *pursuant to subsection 2* as chair of the board.



1 ~~15.~~ 7. The county treasurer is the treasurer of the district board
2 of health. The treasurer shall:

3 (a) Keep permanent accounts of all money received by,
4 disbursed for and on behalf of the district board of health; and

5 (b) Administer the health district fund created by the board of
6 county commissioners pursuant to NRS 439.363.

7 ~~16.~~ 8. The district board of health shall maintain records of all
8 of its proceedings and minutes of all meetings, which must be open
9 to inspection.

10 ~~17.~~ 9. No county, city or town board of health may be created
11 in the county. Any county, city or town board of health in existence
12 when the district board of health is created must be abolished.

13 **Sec. 4.** 1. The term of each member serving on a district
14 board of health created pursuant to NRS 439.362 who is selected
15 pursuant to subparagraph (2) or (3) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2
16 of NRS 439.362, and the term of one member, chosen by the district
17 board of health, who is selected pursuant to subparagraph (1) of that
18 paragraph, expire on June 30, 2015.

19 2. A person whose term as a member of a district board of
20 health expires pursuant to subsection 1 shall be deemed to be a
21 member of the public health advisory board created by NRS
22 439.362, as amended by section 3 of this act, on and after July 1,
23 2015. The term of office of a person deemed to be a member of a
24 public health advisory board pursuant to this subsection expires on
25 the date that the person's term as a member of the district board of
26 health would have expired notwithstanding the provisions of
27 subsection 1.

28 3. The governing body of each city specified in paragraph (a)
29 of subsection 3 of NRS 439.362, as amended by section 3 of this
30 act, shall, on or before July 1, 2015, select one resident of the city to
31 serve as a member of the public health advisory board pursuant to
32 that paragraph.

33 4. The district board of health shall, on or before July 1, 2015,
34 appoint a district administrative officer pursuant to section 1 of this
35 act.

36 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any
37 additional expenses of a local government that are related to the
38 provisions of this act.

39 **Sec. 6.** 1. This section and sections 4 and 5 of this act
40 become effective upon passage and approval.

41 2. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act become effective on July 1,
42 2015.

