

The attached document was submitted to the **Washoe County Board of Commissioners** during the meeting

held on 5-9-17

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for Agenda Item No. 14 & 15

and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(7) as amended by AB65 of the 2013 Legislative Session.

Washoe County 2017 Legislative Week 13 Bills of Interest

Bill	Description	Direction
Support		
AB297	<p>Requires certain local governments to designate sites for person to meet in order to complete the sale of personal property that was initiated on the Internet.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires local governments to designate at least 1 law enforcement location to have a designated area for people to meet and conduct their ecommerce sales.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was heard and passed unanimously out of Senate Government Affairs on May 3. We again testified in support of the bill.</p>	Support
SB176	<p>Revises provisions relating to public safety. (BDR: 23-666)</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires that law enforcement employees who routinely interact with the public wear body cameras.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill passed out of the Senate with a 20-1 vote, amended to exclude the effective date to July 1, 2018 rather than January 1, 2018. The other provisions have remained the same for the requirement for certain law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and allows a board of county commissioners to enact a 911 surcharge of up to \$1.00, currently Washoe has a \$0.25 charge which means we can increase that by no more than an additional \$0.75.</p>	Support
SB352	<p>Revises provisions governing the taxation of property rebuilt after a natural disaster.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Makes changes to the calculation of property taxes imposed on single-family residences that are being replaced after a natural disaster is declared by the Governor.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was heard in Assembly Taxation on May 4, we and the Assessor's office testified in support of the bill.</p>	Support
Neutral		
AB97	<p>Revises provisions relating to evidence collected from forensic medical examinations of victims of sexual assaults.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires law enforcement agencies to submit sexual assault forensic evidence kits to a forensic laboratory within a certain amount of time.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill has been referred to Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, therefore the bill is exempt from the deadline requirements. The bill has been amended with the change that requires a law enforcement entity to submit and sexual assault kits to a forensic lab by 30 days and that the forensic lab has 120 days to test the kit. The bill does allow a \$3,000,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Attorney General's office which can be paid out to the forensic labs through an interlocal agreement to help address the backlog of sexual assault kits. We are working with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to help determine what the new fiscal impact will be with the reduced time to test the kits once they are received by our forensic lab.</p>	Neutral, with concerns regarding the fiscal impact

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Oppose	
SB315	<p>Revises provisions relating to waste disposal.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires reporting to amount of solid waste that is recycled in a County and mandates what that amount must be, if the mandated amount is not met it would require the governing body to pay a fine to the State Environmental Commission.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill was introduced to apply to both construction recycling as well as their solid waste. While that means is that the 25% recycle mandate that the bill puts into place would only be measuring residential waste collected and compare it to residential recycling collected. If 25% of total residential waste collected is not recycling then we as the County would still be held liable for not meeting the mandate and be subject to penalties. The bill has been referred to Senate Committee on Finance, and is therefore exempt from the passage deadlines.</i></p>
Recommendation of Bills to take direction on	
AB271	<p>Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local employers.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Would make the findings and award of a fact finder concerning employee organizations final and binding.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill has been scheduled to be heard on May 10 in Senate Government Affairs</i></p>
AB384	<p>Revises provisions governing the consideration of the criminal history of an applicant for employment by the State or a county or city.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires the review and consideration of a persons criminal history occur at the final stages of consideration for employment. Also set parameters that must be considered concerning the criminal history of an applicant. There are exceptions for law enforcement and some others. If a person is not offered the position due to their criminal history it requires the county to send in writing the cause for not hiring them. It also allows the applicate to bring forward a complaint to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission should they believe that they were denied the position without just cause.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill passed out of the Assembly with a 27-15 vote. It has not yet been scheduled for a hearing on the Senate side.</i></p>
SB356	<p>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Removes the Evergreen provision which prohibits a local government employer from increasing any compenstion or monetary benefits upon the end of the term of a collective bargaining agreement until the successor agreement becomes effective. The bill also revises the requirement for the EMRB to conduct a hearing 45 days after deciding to here the complaining regarding collective bargaining.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill passed out of the Senate with a 12-9 vote. It has been scheduled for a hearing in Assembly Government Affairs on May 9.</i></p>

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	districts. Summary: Allows for a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review each general improvement district in the county, establishing certain requirements for such a committee and requiring the GID to submit certain requested information to said committee. <u>Status:</u> The bill is scheduled to be heard on May 8 in Assembly Government Affairs Committee.	Support, could be a useful tool for the County to use in reviewing our GIDs
Watch		
AB32	Revises provisions governing pest control. (BDR: 49-176) <u>Summary:</u> Requires certain persons who engage in pest control, including government agencies and their employees to obtain a license from the Director of the State Department of Agriculture. Establishes procedures relating to such licensure and providing penalties to those not in compliance. <u>Status:</u> The bill was heard and unanimously passed out of Senate Natural Resources Committee on May 2.	Watch
AB45	Revises provisions relating to public office. <u>Summary:</u> Requires training and accountability for people who work registration drives to decrease illegible, duplicate and incomplete voter registration forms. <u>Status:</u> The bill was heard in Senate Legislative Operations and Elections on May 3.	Watch
AB80	Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities. (BDR 22-416) <u>Summary:</u> Allowed Reno to extend the date of termination for certain redevelopment plans. <u>Status:</u> The bill was heard in Senate Government Affairs on May 5.	Watch
AB120	Revises provisions relating to school construction. <u>Summary:</u> Creates a residential school construction tax and extends the time period for school districts to develop land that they acquire through new developments. <u>Status:</u> The bill was passed out of the Assembly 24-10 with the amendments to which the taxes will be used for, the changes to the timeline for the school districts to purchase and develop the land. The bill does still require a county commission to enforce the tax should one be requested by the school district. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, no hearing has been scheduled.	Watch
AB163	Revises provisions governing certain short-term loans. <u>Summary:</u> Requires a licensee to verify the ability of the customer to repay the loan before issuing a loan. Increases the grace period before a customer can obtain a second short-term loan. <u>Status:</u> The bill is scheduled to be heard on May 10 in Senate Commerce, Labor and Energy Committee.	Watch

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<p>AB194</p>	<p>Provides for the certification of behavioral healthcare peer recovery support specialist.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Providing certification for behavioral healthcare peer recovery support.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The amended bill was passed out of the Assembly with a 37-5 vote. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy, a hearing has not yet been scheduled.</p>	Watch
<p>AB379</p>	<p>Amends provisions relating to general improvement districts created for the purpose of furnishing recreational facilities.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Allows for the creation of special general improvement districts to create park districts, that can be formed by cities and/or counties and also allows for the creation of one that could be jointly created by cities and counties if they have shared space.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was heard in Senate Government Affairs on May 3. We are working with the sponsor to work out some concerns with the bill.</p>	Watch
<p>ACR7</p>	<p>Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning property taxes.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> The legislature will appoint a committee to conduct an interim study on property taxes to be considered by the next legislative session.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was heard in Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections on March 30. The bill does not fall under the deadline rules.</p>	Watch
<p>SB8</p>	<p>Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR: 14-439)</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Reduces the amount due to be paid by the County for presentence investigation reports to 30% instead of the 70% we currently pay. Further authorizes the County at its own expense to assume the duty of preparing a presentence or general investigation and report from the Division.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was referred to Senate Committee on Probation with the understanding to clarify that it county enters into an agreement with the Division of Parole and Probation it may agree to pay up to the total costs of the presentence investigation reports, rather than paying the total costs. Because the bill has been referred to Finance it is exempt from the First House Passage deadline.</p>	Watch
<p>SB9</p>	<p>Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR: 14-437)</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Authorizes a county to enter into an agreement with the Division to pay the total cost of the county's presentence or general investigations and reports. Keeps the presentence investigation reports at 70% paid by the County.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance with the understanding that counties the costs for the presentence investigation reports the same as SB8, it also states that if a county elects to conduct the reports themselves it will do so with county employees. Because the bill has been referred to Finance it is exempt from the First House Passage Deadline.</p>	Watch

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<p>SJR14</p>	<p>Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise certain provisions relating to property taxes.</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Makes changes to the Nevada Constitution to now property taxes are assessed for purposes of property taxes owed, which states that when a property is sold or transferred the taxes owed by the new owner will reset based on the assessed value of the property is. Requires the legislature to enact a "Senior and Disabled Taxpayer Protection Act" to provide property tax assistance to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>the bill was reintroduced on April 11, however a waiver has been granted so the deadline to the bill will therefore the bill is still active and being considered while not yet having passed out of the first committee house.</i></p>	<p>Watch</p>
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2017 Legislative Session
Week 13 Report
May 1 to May 5, 2017

Items of Interest

Week of May 1

Monday:

Assembly Ways and Means

- AB100: Revises provisions governing contractors.
 - Requires a contractor or subcontractor to waive, release or extinguish a claim or right for damages or an extension of the time that the contractor or subcontractor may otherwise possess or acquire as a result of a delay, acceleration, disruption or an impact event.

Senate Government Affairs

- AB241: Requires baby changing tables in certain buildings and facilities used by the public.
 - Amended to only apply to new buildings
 - Also has lead time to allow for new building regulations to be passed before being implemented.

Tuesday:

Assembly Government Affairs

- SB79: Revises provisions concerning the confidentiality of certain personal information of certain persons and entities.
 - Bill expands rights and abilities for certain Criminal District Attorneys and Criminal Public Defenders to be able to receive a court order to have certain person information be held confidentially by the County Recorder and County Clerk.
 - There was some concern voiced by the Committee regarding what happens if the confidential information is released by accident and how to handle those situations differently than those who release it on purpose.
- SB477: Enacts provisions relating to residential establishments for persons with disabilities.
 - An amendment was presented with the bill to help with concerns from the fire departments and removed the word residential fire systems.

Senate Natural Resources

- AB32: Revises provisions governing pest control.
 - Presented with the amendments that reduced the licensing requirements.
 - Bill was passed out of the committee unanimously



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Revenue and Economic Development

- AB375: Allows the imposition of certain taxes in a county to fund flood management projects of a flood management authority based on the recommendations of a flood control project needs committee and voter approval.
 - Concern was expressed for the overreach of the study allowed in the bill, that people who have had flooding in the last year in Truckee Meadows will think that this project could help them, however it will not as it's only going to be working on the Truckee River which was not the cause for much of the flooding.
 - Senator Ratti wants the ability to fund this via sales tax to be removed since WC1 was just passed and Washoe now has the highest sales tax rate in Nevada.

Wednesday

Washoe Child Welfare Budget was approved with additions

Assembly Judiciary

- SB169: Revises provisions relating to sexual offenses.
 - Bill originally was just for reporting of sexual assault kits, however amended to also require kits be tested within certain time frames, similar to AB97. The only difference is that this bill would require our crime lab to test the kits within 180 days, however the committee pointed out that they passed AB97 out with a 120 day mandate and Senator Harris stated that she would be comfortable with making that change should the committee prefer it.
 - She also stated that the reporting provisions is being held while the Attorney General works on the grant they have to track and monitor rape kits throughout the state rather than the individual groups each reporting things differently.

Senate Government Affairs

- AB297: Requires certain local governments to designate sites for persons to meet in order to complete the sale of personal property that was initiated on the Internet.
 - We testified in support of the bill again
 - The bill was passed out of the committee unanimously
- AB321: Authorizes a county or city to require a hosting platform to provide certain reports and information to a county or city.
 - Bill is enabling, however allows for a county to require reporting from companies like AirBNB



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- AB379: Authorizes certain local governments to create a parks, trails, and open space district.
 - The bill was presented by Assemblywoman Joiner that there were errors and parts of NRS 318 (GID), and others that she will continue working with others to address.
 - The committee seemed to have some confusion on how this would work, questioned what her vision of how it would be used and stated that it was left open to allow it to be used in many different ways.
 - TMWA, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful and former parks directors all spoke in support of the bill.
 - We spoke in neutral with our concerns and listed several of those concerns, while noting that we have been and will continue to work with the sponsor to clean up the bill.
 - NACO, Clark County, City of Henderson and Treasurers Association also spoke in neutral with similar concerns.

Senate Legislative Operations and Elections

- AB45: Revises provisions relating to public office.
 - Campaign reform is very important to Nevadans for accountable elected officials.

Joint Senate and Assembly Committees on Judiciary

- Presentation on the Implementation of Regulations Relating to Marijuana by the Department of Taxation.
 - Deonne: Stated that they are on track for the kick start program to begin July 1, 2017, however she did note that the Counties may not be ready for all the changes to guarantee that the distributors will be able to distribute recreational marijuana on July 1. There were many questions about determining which of the current distributors would be considered "good actors" to meet the qualifications of being able to transition to recreational. There was also many questions about the transportation by the NRS369 groups, of if they could transport the marijuana and what happens should they not be able to. Also discussion of the rates, which Deonne noted came from the Initiative Petition and they are simply following those rates.

Thursday:

Assembly Government Affairs

- SB245: Revises provisions governing county treasurers.
 - This was originally the treasurer's technology fund bill, however it was amended to address the use of fax signatures.

Assembly Committee on Taxation

- SB352: Revises provisions governing the taxation of property rebuilt after an event proclaimed an emergency or disaster by the Governor.
 - Testified in support, along with Assessor's Office
 - There were questions about the calculation and concern of the abatement being lost at re-sale as it would be a more than 3% increase in property tax on that property.



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Friday:

Assembly Government Affairs

- SB57: Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway. (Work Session)
 - Passed Unanimously
- SB202: Revises various provisions of the Charter of the City of Sparks. (Work Session)
 - Passed Unanimously

Senate Government Affairs

- AB80: Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities.
 - We testified neutral, while we don't support the measure, we understand their need.

Bills of Interest:

AB32 (Pest and weed abatement), AB45 (Voter registration), AB97 (sexual assault testing), AB80 (Reno redevelopment extension), AB120 (school construction tax), AB163 (Payday), AB194 (CrossRoads), AB246 (allows for improvement district between 2 counties), AB271 (would make the findings and award of a fact finder concerning employee organizations "final and binding), AB297 (E-commerce safe transaction zones at sheriff office locations), AB379 (creation of parks districts), ACR7 (interim study on property taxes)
SB8 (fee for PSI reports), SB9 (option to run PSI reports), SB176 (Law enforcement body cameras), SB271 (water), SB315 (Recycling), SB352 (Tax abatement for natural disasters). SB462 (GID review board), SJR14 (Amend Nevada Constitution on property taxes)

Preview of Next Week: May 8 to May 12

AB194: Provides for the certification of behavioral healthcare peer recovery support specialist.

SB462: Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts.

SB356: Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining

AJR7: Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning property taxes.

AB271: Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local government employers.