



81st Legislative Session Report

Washoe County 2021 Legislative Report





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Overview

Bills Introduced



1035

Bills Monitored by Washoe County



600

Fiscal Note Responses



173

1861



Bills with Fiscal Impact

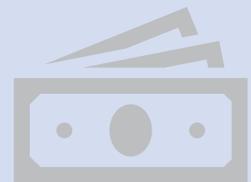
Significant Impact:

- AB126 – Revises provisions relating to elections.
- SB274 – Revises provisions relating to commercially sexually exploited children.
- SB397 – Revises provisions relating to certain persons who remain in foster care beyond the age of 18 years.

Bills with expected fiscal impacts:

- AB424 – Revises provisions relating to pretrial release.
- SB108 – Establishes provisions relating to juvenile services.
- SB327 – Revises provisions relating to discriminatory practices.

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Highlights

- **AB1:** Requires new legislators to receive in their pre-session training education on local governments.
- **AB3:** Allows for certain maps to be received and recorded by the County Recorder's office with necessary signature electronically.
- **AB33:** Streamlines the process for paternity of those children under CPS to see if the child can be transitioned into adoption or if there is a paternal caretaker.
- **AB110:** Revises provisions relating to the requirement to register as a lobbyist during legislative sessions.



Highlights

- **AB196**: Requires that courthouse or complex's have lactation rooms available to members of the public who have business in the courts if space and budgets allow. Does include a state allocations for courthouses.
- **AB315**: Requires that first responders make available resources related to awareness, prevention, mitigation and treatment of mental health. Also requires that within 3 months of retirement these employees have not more than 2 hours of counseling with a mental health professional be made available.
- **AB366**: Requires adoption of regulations that all peace officers receive an annual behavioral wellness visit.



Highlights

- **AB397**: Makes changes to the use of the Clerk's technology fee, also removes the requirement for wedding chapels to be able to issue marriage licenses without cost to them if the county clerks' office changed its hour of operation.
- **AB422**: Changes the voter registration system in Nevada from bottom up, where local governments collect data that is checked by the Secretary of State to top down where the voter registration will be collected and checked by the Secretary of State.
- **AB424**: Requires pre-trial release hearing within 48 hours of arrest.



Highlights

- **SB37**: Changes the process for a District Attorney to request assistance from the Attorney General's office on a case, so that it no longer has to go in front of a board of county commissioners. The District Attorney may submit the request to the Attorney General, who can accept the case without cost to the county, or if they Attorney General will seek reimbursement then the request will have to go to a board of county commissioners for budgetary approval.
- **SB295**: Changes that those who have received permanent total disability from a governmental entity may seek employment without impact to their compensation.
- **SB297**: Allows for a partial abatement of the ad valorem property tax for urban farms or community gardens with approval from the county.



Highlights

- **SCR11**: Creates an interim study that will present its findings by December 31, 2021, to consider if the State of Nevada should move forward with legislation to allow for Innovation Zones. If the recommendation is to move forward then legislation can be brought forward at the next regular session in 2023 or a special session before that time.
- **China Spring Youth Camp Budget**: The budget passed for the state share of the budget for China Spring included cuts of 23.5% in FY22, 47% in FY 23 and 71% in FY24. There is no change to the counties for our current allocations to support the camp and this is to bring China Spring state allocation in line with that of the youth camp in Clark County.



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