



Making Your Voice Heard

In the

Virtual World

**Senior Issues Day at the Legislature
2021**

They Need to Hear From You

They want to hear from you: NOW MORE THAN EVER

Others are VERY busy making their concerns heard

Who represents/voices concerns of the “little guy”

2021 Nevada Legislative Session

Virtual Session – public not allowed in building yet

Watch via You Tube Live or Zoom, and Internal Legislative

Virtual Hearings – Floor sessions – Individual Meetings

Public Comment or Testimony via phone or ? Zoom with
registration

Submit opinion or position on bills on website

Writing – Email – Phone calls – Virtual meetings

Legislative Website: leg.state.nv.us

- [Session Info](#)
- [Interim Info](#)
- [Law Library](#)
- [General Info](#)
- [Counsel Bureau](#)
- [Research/Library](#)
- [Assembly](#)
- [Senate](#)

Welcome to the Nevada Legislature

The 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 1, 2021.

In addition to being available through our **existing streaming service**, the Nevada Legislature's meetings are also accessible via our new **YouTube channel**.

COVID-19: Helpful Resources For Nevadans



[View Events](#)

[Videos of Archived Events](#)

[81st \(2021\) Session](#)

- [NELIS](#)
- [BDR List](#)
- [BDR Fact Sheet](#)

[Current Legislator Contact Information](#)

- [Senate](#)
- [Assembly](#)

[Lobbyist Information](#)

[Apply to Serve on a Legislatively Appointed Committee](#)

[Who's My Legislator?](#)
[What's My District](#)

[Register of Administrative Regulations](#)

[Administrative Regulation Notices](#)

[Reporting Sexual Harassment](#)

[Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum](#)

[Nevada's Legislators Back to School Program](#)

[Nevada Youth Legislature](#)

Legislative Website

Look up bills and track legislation

Listen to hearings - and – “register” to “participate”

Find out who your legislators are and their contact info

Meetings, hearing dates, activity, votes for bills

Legislative calendar and activity

General information

Contact Your Legislator

Email: Send email directly to them asking them to support/oppose legislation. Have an *ASK

Phone: Leave phone message – you may not actually speak to them. Always have an *ASK

Virtual meeting: Call or email your legislator and request a virtual meeting, most are using Teams and they will schedule. Flexible on timing. Have an *ASK

Tips to Contact Legislators Mail – Phone - Virtual

Identify Bill by name and number in subject line and in the email

Identify yourself as a constituent – give your address

Be polite – words matter – decorum

Make it brief

Stick to one issue

Why is it important to you/family/community

SHORT story if appropriate

****HAVE AN ASK – email or phone – Phone MAY JUST BE ID and ASK**

Thank them for consideration AND their efforts

Follow up email to ask results – “Did you vote yes?” - Build relationship

Do not expect to talk to them when you call

Listen to Hearings

Persons who wish to provide testimony or attend the meeting virtually must pre-register online at

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Meetings>.

Registration opens when an agenda is posted to the Nevada Legislature's website. Upon successful registration, registrants will receive a telephone number, meeting ID, and instructions for joining the meeting. Registrants are prohibited from sharing this information. Because of time considerations, each caller offering testimony during this period for public comment may be limited to not more than 2 minutes.

Participate in Hearing – How to Register - Submit Opinion

Go to designated Committee Meeting date in NELIS on website for your bill

Click “Participate” or “Submit Opinion”

Enter your information

Click Agenda item and/or Public Comment

Select Agenda item and Position

Click I wish to speak – IF you want to speak during hearing

Click Add This Item and Submit

You will get confirmation and email with information, phone number, and meeting ID

Submit Written or Verbal Testimony – Public Comment

Send Written Testimony to Committee Manager for Committee – 24 hours before hearing. Name the bill in your support or opposition

AND - WHY do you.....

MUST be in PDF document; – NOT text in an email

Verbal Testimony – Support, Oppose, Neutral – stay in your lane.

Be Brief – Limit of 2 minutes – Don't repeat: Okay to just say “I support the bill”

Public Comment – be brief, 2 minutes – Any Subject, but okay to comment on bill if you miss during the hearing.

Make Your Voice Heard

Barry Gold bgold@aarp.org

Action.aarp.org