

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

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by Manager's office

for Agenda Item No. 19

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

# Washoe County 2017 Legislative Week 11 Report - First House Deadline

Bill	Description	Direction
AB297	<p><b>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.</b></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 amended out of committee, it did remove fire stations as a place for the ecommerce location to be placed, it also bars any action against the county or sheriff for an incident that occurs when people meet to exchange goods.</p>	Support
SB176	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to public safety. (BDR: 23-666)</b></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 (20-1) amended to extended 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. We are continuing to work with our effected departments to determine an accurate fiscal cost to help determine what the increase to the E911 charge should be to cover the costs.</p>	Support
SB352	<p><b>Revises provisions governing the taxation of property rebuilt after a natural disaster.</b></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 passed out of committee with 2 amendments, the first amendment was to clarify how the tax abatement would be calculated, which would be to use the partial abatement of taxers from the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year of which the house was partially or completely destroyed by the declared disaster. There is also a conceptual amendment from LCB who is working with county assessors on some of the more detailed portions of the bill and how it would be implemented.</p>	Support

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<p><b>AB97</b></p>	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to evidence collected from forensic medical examinations of victims of sexual assaults.</b></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> <i>The amendment to the bill has been released, there is an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to the Office of the Attorney General to help with the payment of testing the backlog of sexual assault forensic kits that have not been tested. There is a requirement for a report to be submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau annually of the number of kits received, tested as well as number of genetic markers found and submitted to the State DNA Database and CODIS. There is also a reimbursement for the cost of up to 10 kit or \$10,000, whichever is less. Working with the Sheriff's office we are looking at a new fiscal impact of \$1,640,000 the first year and approximately \$1,342,000 every year after that. There would be an initial lab renovation cost that would account for the additional \$300,000 the first year. The cost of testing a kit is approximately \$300 per kit and so the reimbursement would not cover the cost of testing all the kits we would receive, however we are continuing to look at what that reimbursement would be, however the cost of personnel due to the shorter mandate has been increased and would now be approximately \$720,000.</i></p>	<p>Neutral, with concerns regarding the fiscal impact</p>
Oppose		
<p><b>SB315</b></p>	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to waste disposal.</b></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 amended to apply to both construction recycling as well as their solid waste. What 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 re-referred to Senate Committee on Finance and therefore is exempt from the upcoming deadline.</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>

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<p><b>AB32</b></p>	<p><b>Revises provisions governing pest control. (BDR: 49-176)</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was heard on March 2, during the presentation they advised that there were some drafting issues with the original bill, as such when they amended it out of committee they removed the requirement for licensure for governmental agencies and instead allows them to apply for a certificate for general and restricted pesticides. The bill became permissive, removes the work card requirements and also removed the felony conviction portion of the bill.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p><b>AB45</b></p>	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to public office.</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires training and accountability for people who work registration drives to decrease illegible, duplicate and incomplete voter registration forms.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was amended to allow for ballots to be recounted in the manner by which they were originally cast rather than requiring hand counting the ballots.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p><b>AB80</b></p>	<p><b>Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities. (BDR 22-416)</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Allowed Reno to extend the date of termination for certain redevelopment plans.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill passed out of committee with amendment to prevent a base adjustment from occurring during the extension. The language in the bill that allocated a certain amount of funds to the school district was amended out by the committee in work session.</p>	<p>Watch</p>

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<b>AB120</b>	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to school construction.</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill was amended and passed out of committee with some changes, it has made some changes to what the funds could be used for should a tax be created, it now aligns with the uses allowed in WC1, it excludes any tax from being placed on the development of low income properties. It also changed the timelines that the school districts have to either build the school before it must be offered to the sub-divider for purchase to 15 years, and reduced it to 8 years for a school district to purchase land set aside for a school. The bill would still require a county commission to enforce the tax should one be requested by the school district.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB163</b>	<p><b>Revises provisions governing certain short-term loans.</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill was amended out of committee with the following changes; it specifies what can be used to determine the borrowers eligibility for a loan, allows a borrower to enter into an extended repayment plan with certain guidelines, it clarifies what they mean by in "default", includes the leasing of animals for purposes other than business, commercial or agricultural un the definition of "high interest loan", for title loans the lender may consider a customers community income and the income of other customers who consent to entering into the loan agreement.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB194</b>	<p><b>Provides for the certification of behavioral healthcare peer recovery support specialist.</b></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Providing certification for behavioral healthcare peer recovery support.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill was amended and passed out of committee, the amendment clarified that a person is not required to obtain a certificate if they are volunteers, modified the requirements for supervisions, adds a ceiling of how much can be charged in order to obtain a certificate, also allows for a transition time for those working to get their certificate of 2 years.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>AB271</b>	<p><b>Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local employers.</b></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 was passed out the Assembly on Monday April 17 (26-12) and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>

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<b>AB379</b>	<p><b>Amends provisions relating to general improvement districts created for the purpose of furnishing recreational facilities.</b></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> <i>The bill passed out of committee with a conceptual amendment which states that the creation of a Park, Trail or Open Space Districts will follow much of the General Improvement District NRS chapter, allows for the creation of such districts by a county, city or town. If the district crosses more than one of those bodies than the two bodies must agree to the creation with an interlocal agreement. It also allows for residents to petition for the creation of such a district. A board for any district will consist of 5 members, the governing body will originally appoint the members (for an interlocal district, the body with the most land in the district would have the majority), after the initial terms the board will be elected by the voters who make up the district. Funding for the districts can be created by either the GID taxing powers, or by a special assessment. We are continuing to work with the sponsor over concerns of a town or city being able to create a GID with taxing powers.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>ACR7</b>	<p><b>Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning property taxes.</b></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> <i>The bill was passed out of committee without any amendments.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>
<b>SB8</b>	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR: 14-439)</b></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> <i>The bill passed out of committee with an amendment to clarify that if a 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.</i></p>	<b>Watch</b>

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<p><b>SB9</b></p>	<p><b>Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR: 14-437)</b>  <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.  <u>Status:</u> <i>The bill passed out of committee with an amendment that clarifies 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.</i></p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p><b>SB271</b></p>	<p><b>Makes various changes relating to water.</b>  <u>Summary:</u> Requires the State Engineer to continue to allow withdrawals of groundwater from domestic wells for certain purposes where withdrawals have been restricted to conform to priority rights.  <u>Status:</u> <i>The bill was passed out of committee with an amendment which creates a priority of ordered withdrawals restrictions that allows for withdrawals from domestic wells for indoor domestic use and waters pets and livestock only, or if the withdrawal does not exceed 0.5 acre-feet of water per year which must be measured by a water meter.</i></p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p><b>SB462</b></p>	<p><b>Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts.</b>  <u>Summary:</u> 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> <i>The bill passed out of committee with an amendment which changed the language to review every GID to the allowance to review any GID to determine if the GID should be continued, modified, consolidated, merged or dissolved. Allows for the county to appoint the members of the committee reviewing the GID under the guidelines already set created to make up the body. It also states that not more than 6 GIDs can be reviewed by a county in a year.</i></p>	<p>Watch</p>

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<b>SJR14</b>	<b>Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise certain provisions relating to property taxes.</b> <u>Summary:</u> Makes changes to the Nevada Constitution to how 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.  <u>Status:</u> <i>The bill was heard on April 11, however a waiver has been granted for the first house committee passage deadline and therefore the bill is still active and being considered while not yet having passed out of the first committee house.</i>	<b>Watch</b>
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<b>Overview</b>	<p>Tuesday April 25 is the next deadline, by the end of Tuesday if a bill has not been voted out of the originating house and a waiver has not been granted then the bill will be considered dead and no further action can be taken on that bill. As result of this there are very few committee hearings on Monday or Tuesday as both houses will spend most of the day in floor sessions.</p>
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