

Legislation Discussed: Senior Advisory Board – Bills moving forward
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AJR 10 - Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to prospectively increase the required minimum wage paid to employees. (BDR C-1273).

This joint resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to instead set the minimum wage at \$12 per hour worked beginning July 1, 2024, regardless of whether the employer provides health benefits to employees. In addition, this joint resolution removes the annual adjustment to the minimum wage and instead provides that if at any time the federal minimum wage is greater than \$12 per hour worked, the minimum wage is increased to the amount established for the federal minimum wage. In addition, this joint resolution allows the Legislature to establish a minimum wage that is greater than the hourly rate set forth in the Constitution. And be it further Resolved, That this resolution becomes effective on July 1, 2024.

AB 35- Revises provisions governing certain programs to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities with costs relating to health care.

For the purpose of determining eligibility to receive assistance under the program to assist senior citizens, existing law defines the term “senior citizen” to mean a person domiciled in this State who is 62 years of age or older. Section 6 of this bill redefines the term “senior citizen” for the purposes of the consolidated program to mean a person who is 60 years of age or older. Section 1 of this bill defines the term “person with a disability” to mean a person who has a physical or intellectual disability or a related condition. Sections 8 and 14 of this bill remove language stating that certain senior citizens and persons with disabilities are entitled to assistance under those programs. Sections 8 and 14 also remove specific eligibility requirements for those programs relating to length of domicile and amount of income and instead require a senior citizen or person with a disability who wishes to receive assistance under the consolidated program.

AB 190- Provides certain employees with the right to use sick leave to assist certain family members with medical needs.

Relating to employment; requiring, with certain exceptions, private employers that provide employees with sick leave to allow an employee to use such leave to assist a member of the employee’s immediate family with certain medical needs.

AB 216- Requires Medicaid to cover certain services for persons with cognitive impairments.

Relating to Medicaid; requiring the State Plan for Medicaid to include coverage for certain cognitive assessment and care planning services. Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and administer a State Plan for Medicaid which includes, without limitation, a list of specific medical services required to be provided to Medicaid recipients. (NRS 3422.270-422.27495) Section of this bill requires the Director of the Department to include in the State Plan for Medicaid coverage for cognitive assessment and care planning services for persons who experience signs or symptoms of cognitive impairment.

AB 217- Requiring the State Board of Health to adopt regulations requiring unlicensed caregivers at designated facilities to receive certain training; requiring the person in charge of such a facility to perform certain duties related to such training.

Existing law requires a medical facility or a facility for the dependent to obtain a license from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(NRS 449.030) Existing law also authorizes the State Board of Health to require the licensure of other facilities that provide medical care. (NRS 449.0303) Section 1 of this bill requires the Board to adopt regulations prescribing training for unlicensed caregivers who provide care at designated medical facilities, facilities for the dependent (personal care in the home) and other licensed facilities. Section 1 also requires the Division to post on the Internet a list of nationally recognized organizations that offer free or low-cost training which meets the requirements of those regulations. Finally, section 1 requires the administrator or other person in charge of a facility to which the regulations apply to: (1) ensure that each unlicensed caregiver at the facility completes the required training; (2) ensure the implementation of the best practices taught in the required training; and (3) develop, annually update and provide to certain persons a written plan for the control of infectious diseases at the facility.

AB 344- Authorizes the establishment of a program to facilitate transition of the care of older persons and persons with disabilities. (BDR 38-743).

This bill authorizes the ADSD Division to establish a program to facilitate the transition of older persons and persons with disabilities from a hospital to their places of residence. This bill requires the program to: (1) provide for collaboration between hospital staff responsible for a discharge and the older person or person with a disability being discharged and his or her caregivers; and (2) facilitate the coordination of health care and social services for an older person or a person with a disability.

AB 351 - Establishes provisions governing the prescribing, dispensing and administering of medication designed to end the life of a patient.

Revising provisions concerning medical certificates of death relating to a person who self-administers a medication that is designed to end his or her life; authorizing a physician to prescribe a medication that is designed to end the life of a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting persons other than a patient from administering a medication that is designed to end the life of the patient; imposing requirements on certain providers of health care and health care facilities relating to the records of a patient who requests a medication that is designed to end his or her life; providing immunity to certain providers of health care and health care facilities that take certain actions relating to prescribing or dispensing a medication that is designed to end the life of a patient.

SB 93- Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer Medicaid. (NRS 422.270)

Existing law also requires Medicaid to cover certain home and community-based services for persons with physical disabilities, including supported personal care. (NRS 422.396) Section 2 of this bill requires the Director of the Department to include in the State Plan for Medicaid authorization for a recipient of Medicaid to directly receive reimbursements for personal care services provided by a personal care assistant or an agency to provide personal care services in the home and paid for by the recipient. (Establishes a program for about 11 individuals to use the ISO program and pay a legally responsible caregiver (spouse, family member, legal guardian) to care for them under 1915 waiver.

SB 340- Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer Medicaid. (NRS 422.270)

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requires the Director of the Department to include in the State Plan for Medicaid authorization for a recipient of Medicaid to directly receive reimbursements for personal care services provided by a personal care assistant or an agency to provide personal care services in the home and paid for by the recipient. Requires the Director of HHS to create a home care employment standards board to make recommendations after the board meets for one year. Bill introduced by SEIU chapter 1107.

SB 420- Establishes a public health option with rates that mirror Medicare for providers who participate to help low-income residents.

Providing for the establishment of a public health benefit plan; prescribing certain goals and requirements relating to the plan; requiring certain health carriers to participate in a competitive bidding process to administer the plan; requiring certain providers of health care to participate in the plan; exempting rules and policies governing the plan from certain requirements; requiring certain persons to report the abuse and neglect of older persons, vulnerable persons and children; requiring the State Plan for Medicaid to include certain coverage relating to pregnant women; requiring the establishment of a statewide **Medicaid managed care program**.