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Description		Direction
Bill	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 has passed out of the Assembly with a 42-0 vote and the Senate with a 20-0 vote. The bill is now enrolled and delivered to the Governor.</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. Amended to extend 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> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill has passed out of the Senate with a 20-1 vote and passed out of the Assembly with a 33-9 vote. The bill is now being sent back to the Senate before being enrolled and sent to the Governor.</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 passed out of Assembly Taxation on May 19.</p>	Support
SB462	<p>Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> The bill was voted unanimously out of Assembly Government Affairs on May 18.</p>	Support

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Neutral		Neutral, with concerns regarding the fiscal impact
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> <i>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. The expect a one time cost of \$300,000 for the lab renovations needed to accommodate the additional staff needed to meet the deadline requirements. We also expect an annual impact of \$1,341,617 for personnel and supplies needed to test the kits.</i></p>	Neutral
SB169	<p>Revises provisions relating to sexual offenses. (BDR 15-472)</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Requires law enforcement agencies to submit to an annual report how many sexual assault kits are received, how many are tested as well as some of the outcomes of said testing.</p> <p><u>Status:</u> <i>The bill has been amended again and the timeline for the testing of a Sexual Assault Kit has been removed from the bill.</i></p>	Neutral
Oppose		
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 passed out of Senate Government Affairs on May 15 with a 3-2 (party line) vote.</i></p>	Oppose
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 interview or upon conditional offer of employment. Requires that the only crimes that can be considered are those which are stated in Federal and State statute. There are exceptions for law enforcement and courts. 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 was passed out of Senate Legislative Operations and Elections on May 17 with a 3-2 (party line vote).</i></p>	Oppose

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SB315	<p>Revises provisions relating to waste disposal. <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. The bill would require that 25% of total waste collected be recycled and if that level is not met then we as the County would still be held liable for not meeting the mandate and be subject to penalties. <i>deadlines.</i></p>	Oppose
SB356	<p>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining. <u>Summary:</u> Removes the Evergreen provision which prohibits a local government employer from increasing any compensation 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 hear the complaint regarding collective bargaining. <u>Status:</u> <i>The bill passed out of Assembly Government Affairs on May 18 with a 10-5 (party line) vote.</i></p>	Oppose
Bills That Did Not Pass Second Committee Deadline		
AB120	<p>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. The bill states that if a school districts asks for the construction tax to be implemented a Board of County Commissioners must enact the tax. <u>Status:</u> <i>The bill has not passed the second house committee deadline of May 19 and now further action will be allowed.</i></p>	Watch
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SB344	<p>Revises provisions relating to the labeling, packaging and advertising of marijuana. <u>Summary:</u> Establishes state standards for packaging and restrictions for the production of marijuana and marijuana products. Also does not allow for local governments to create restrictions more stringent or in conflict with the state regulations created by the bill. <u>Status:</u> Has been passed out of Assembly Judiciary on May 19.</p>	Watch
SB487	<p>Imposes an excise tax on sales of marijuana and related products by a retail marijuana store. <u>Summary:</u> Allows for local governments who allow for sale of marijuana to impose a 3% tax at the cultivation, production and retail level. <u>Status:</u> The bill was passed out of the Senate Revenue and Economic Committee on May 9 with a 4-3, party line vote.</p>	Watch

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<p>AB379</p>	<p>Amends provisions relating to general improvement districts created for the purpose of furnishing recreational facilities. <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. <u>Status:</u> We worked with the sponsor on the bill and most of our concerns have been addressed. The bill did pass out of Senate Government Affairs on May 17, with both Senator Hardy and Senator Goicoechea reserving their right to change their vote on the floor, while they continue to review the substantive changes on the bill.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p>AB80</p>	<p>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 passed out of Senate Government Affairs on May 19, with an amendment which is being reviewed.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p>AB32</p>	<p>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 has passed the Assembly with a 42-0 vote, it has passed the Senate with a 20-0 vote. The bill has now been enrolled and delivered to the Governor.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p>AB45</p>	<p>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 passed out of Senate Legislative Operations and Elections on May 1/ unanimously.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p>AB163</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Watch</p>
<p>AB194</p>	<p>Provides for the certification of behavioral healthcare peer recovery support specialist. <u>Summary:</u> Providing certification for behavioral healthcare peer recovery support. <u>Status:</u> The bill was passed out of Senate Commerce, Labor and Energy on May 19.</p>	<p>Watch</p>

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ACR7	<p>Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning property taxes. <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. <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
SB8	<p>Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR: 14-439) <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. <u>Status:</u> The bill has been referred to Senate Committee on Finance, because the bill has been referred to Finance it is exempt from the all deadlines.</p>	Watch
SB9	<p>Revises provisions relating to presentence and general investigations and reports. (BDR: 14-437) <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> The bill passed has been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, because the bill has been referred to Finance it is exempt from all deadlines.</p>	Watch
SJR14	<p>Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise certain provisions relating to property taxes. <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. <u>Status:</u> The bill was passed out of Senate revenue and Economic Development on May 11.</p>	Watch

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As of the May 19, Second Committee Passage Deadline we had 16 bills that we were watching that did not pass that deadline. Of the bills we are watching 110 have been enrolled and delivered to the Governor, leaving us with 315 bills that are still active and being monitored and worked on. May 26 will be the Second House Passage Deadline, again meaning that unless the bill has an exemption or waiver and is not passed out of the second house the bill will not be allowed further action.