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Bills of Interest	
SB352	<i>Revises provisions governing the taxation of property rebuilt after an event proclaimed an emergency or disaster by the Governor.</i>
	Authorizing the owner of a single-family residence that is replaced after a flood, fire, earthquake or other event for which the Governor has proclaimed a state of emergency or declaration of disaster to apply to the county assessor for an exemption of a portion of the assessed value of the single-family residence.
	Approved by the Governor on June 4, to be effective on July 1, 2017.
SB462	<i>Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts.</i>
	Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create a committee to review general improvement districts in the county. The committee of 5 to be compiled of a member of the Senate and Assembly who represent the county, and appointed members from the board of county commissioners, senate and assembly. Establishing certain requirements for such a committee to determine if the general improvement district is serving the purpose for which it was created, is still needed and ensure they see no other problems related there to. Requiring a general improvement district to submit certain requested information to such a committee for review.
	Approved by the Governor on May 31, to be effective on July 1, 2017 and expires on June 30, 2021.
AB163	<i>Revises provisions governing certain short-term loans.</i>
	Creates stronger guidelines for an applicant to be reviewed to determine if they are eligible for a short-term, payday or title loan to better ensure that they are able to repay the loan. Also creates more protections to ensure that if a borrower does default they have repayment options prior to be sent to collections.
	Approved by the Governor on June 1, with process changes to be effective by July 1, 2017 with all implementations to be effective by October 1, 2017.
AB384	<i>Revises provisions governing the consideration of the criminal history of an applicant for employment by the State or a county, city or unincorporated town.</i>
	Eliminates the ability to ask on an application for employment about their criminal record. Also restricts what on an applicant's criminal history can be considered and how. Peace officers, firefighters and court personnel are excluded from the provisions of the bill.
	Approved by the Governor on June 3, effective January 1, 2018.
SJR14	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise certain provisions relating to property taxes.
	Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions relating to the assessment and taxation of property which is sold or transferred and to require the Legislature to enact a "Senior and Disabled Taxpayers Protection Act" to provide property tax assistance to senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
	To Enrollment on June 5, 2017.



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AB80	<i>Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities</i>
	Allows for the City of Reno to adopt an ordinance which allows them to extend their redevelopment plan by 60 years. The redevelopment area must include all taxable property within the area and no taxable property can be excluded. The redevelopment area can be increased, but not decreased.
	To Enrollment on June 4, 2017.
AB246	<i>Revises provisions relating to the creation of a local improvement district and tax increment area.</i>
	Revising provisions relating to the creation of a local improvement district; authorizing the governing bodies of two or more municipalities to jointly create a tax increment area.
	Approved by the Governor on June 1, effective July 1, 2017.
SB57	<i>Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway.</i>
	Removes Washoe County from the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway.
	Approved by the Governor on May 22, effective October 1, 2017.
SB246	<i>Revises provisions relating to public works.</i>
	Extends Construction Management At Risk until June 30, 2021 instead of expiring on June 30, 2017.
	To Enrollment on June 5.
SB192	<i>Establishes required hours of operation for certain mobile mental health units.</i>
	Requires hours of operation to be from 8 a.m. or earlier to 12 a.m. or later, 7 days a week, including holidays. Also gives an appropriation for Washoe and Clark County of \$1,400,528 for FY17-18 and \$1,417,080 for FY 18-19.
	To Enrollment on June 5.
AB375	<i>Allows the imposition of certain taxes, fees, rates, charges, levies or assessments in a county to fund approved flood management projects of a flood management authority based on the recommendations of a flood control project needs committee.</i>
	Allows for a county-wide ballot initiative to consider imposing taxes, fees, levies or assessment for flood control projects in the Sparks industrial area.
	To Enrollment on June 4.



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Elections	
An allocation of up to \$1,700,000 from Secretary of State for the purchase of voting machines and other related items. Made changes to absentee voting for elderly and physically disabled voters. Extends voting registration, as well as clarifies policy for recounting of votes if necessary. Also restores voting rights for certain convicted felons.	
AB45	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to public office.</i></p> <p>Requires training and accountability for people who work registration drives to decrease illegible, duplicate and incomplete voter registration forms. Extends period of time for a voter to register, however it also creates a deadline for the clerk to mail sample ballots to those registering less than 20 days prior to the election. Also requires candidate to file quarterly campaign fund reports during their election year.</p> <p>To Enrollment on June 5.</p>
AB519	<p><i>Makes an appropriation to the Secretary of State to provide grants of money to the counties in this State for the purchase of voting machines.</i></p> <p>Creates appropriation through the Secretary of State's office for Washoe to receive up to \$1,700,000 for the purchase of voting machines. Of that amount up to \$5,000 can be used for training purposes and up to \$35,000 for polling books.</p> <p>To Enrollment on June 4.</p>
AB418	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to elections.</i></p> <p>Clarifies the means by which a recount of votes will be counted as well as clarifying the means by which an election can be contested.</p> <p>Approved by the Governor on June 4, and effective October 1, 2017.</p>
SB447	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to absentee voting.</i></p> <p>Allows a person who is 65 years of age or older, or those who have a physical disability to apply one time to be registered for an absentee ballot for any election going forward.</p> <p>Approved by the Governor on June 1, effective July 1, 2017.</p>
SB491	<p><i>Makes various changes relating to mechanical voting systems and mechanical recording devices.</i></p> <p>Requires the Secretary of State to approve any mechanical voting machines used. Allows for counties who have a population of less than 100,000 to lease mechanical voting machines from the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Approved by the Governor on May 25, and was effective upon passage and approval.</p>
AB181	<p><i>Revises provisions governing the restoration of civil rights for certain ex-felons.</i></p> <p>Allows for certain persons convicted of a felony charge to have their voting rights restored.</p> <p>Approved by the Governor on June 4 and becomes effective January 1, 2019.</p>



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AB21	<i>Makes various changes relating to elections.</i>
	Creates process to clarify deadlines for written challenges and defines "actual residence".
	To Enrollment on June 5.

AB272	<i>Revises provisions relating to elections.</i>
	Allows for the county clerk to create at least one polling station where anyone can vote regardless of their assigned polling location. Allows for Indian reservation or colonies to apply to have a pooling location within their boundaries. Allows for an extended period of early voting.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 23.

IP1	<i>Revises provisions relating to voter registration.</i>
	Created a system by which when a person applies for a driver's license or an identification card, or makes any changes to the one they have they would be registered to vote.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 21.

Marijuana

Creates state regulations for the growth, production, packaging and advertising of marijuana both recreational and medical. Does not allow for any local government to create restrictions any more stringent than what the state has and will approve. Allows county government the ability to tax up to 3% for the growth, production and retail sale. Transfers the regulation of marijuana from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Taxation.

SB487	<i>Revises provisions relating to sales of marijuana and related products.</i>
	Allows for local governments who allow for sale of marijuana to impose a 3% tax at the cultivation, production and retail level.
	To Enrollment on June 5.

SB344	<i>Revises various provisions relating to the labeling, packaging and advertising of marijuana.</i>
	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.
	To Enrollment on June 5.

SB396	<i>Revises provisions relating to industrial hemp.</i>
	Allows for the growth of industrial hemp or agricultural hemp so long as they are registered with the Department of Health and Human Services, with some restrictions. To Regulate the growth of hemp in the state, pesticides they are allowed to use and testing standards before products can be sent out for sale.
	Approved by the Governor on June 1, effective July 1, 2018.



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AB422	<i>Revises provisions relating to the use of marijuana.</i>
	Transfers the responsibility of the regulation from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Taxation. Makes changes to the registration cards for medical marijuana patients as well as ensuring that those patients do not go above the legal limits for possession of marijuana for medical use.
	To Enrollment on June 5.

SB374	<i>Revises provisions relating to the use of marijuana or industrial hemp.</i>
	Prohibits a professional licensing board from taking disciplinary action against a licensee who holds a registry identification card or engages in certain lawful activities relating to marijuana. Authorizes the use of a marijuana-infused product or product containing industrial hemp by a provider of health care or massage therapist on a patient or client.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 30.

SB416	<i>Authorizes the formation of apprenticeship programs for medical marijuana establishment agents.</i>
	Authorizes a medical marijuana establishment, an association of medical marijuana establishments or a joint committee consisting of representatives of a labor organization and medical marijuana establishments to propose and enter into an agreement to carry out a program of apprenticeship for medical marijuana establishment agents.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 31.

Labor

All labor bills proposed that would have direct impact on Washoe County have been vetoed with the exception of the changes to the heart and lung provisions of industrial insurance which has been delivered to the Governor.

AB271	<i>Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local government employers.</i>
	Would make the findings and award of a fact finder concerning employee organizations final and binding.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 25.

SB356	<i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining.</i>
	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.
	Vetoed by the Governor on June 1.



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AB267	<i>Revises provisions governing industrial insurance.</i>
	Made changes to the compensation of the heart and lung provisions of industrial insurance for firefighters and police officers. Would loosen the requirements to qualify for benefits through their insurance.
	Enrolled and Delivered to the Governor on June 5.
AB154	<i>Revises provisions relating to prevailing wages.</i>
	Removes the 90 percent of rate in calculating prevailing wage for a county by the Labor Commissioner.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 25.
AB290	<i>Makes certain changes relating to collective bargaining.</i>
	If leave was provided by a local government employer as of June 1, 2015, the employee organization shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have made concessions to offset the past, present and future costs of leave for the number of employees to whom leave was provided as of that date.
	Vetoed by the Governor on June 5.
AB350	<i>Revises provisions relating to state employment.</i>
	Requires that employee organizations must be given time to present themselves to new employees at their new employee orientation.
	Vetoed by the Governor on May 30.
SB469	<i>Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local government employers.</i>
	Would change the budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 16.67 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, for a general fund.
	Vetoed by the Governor on June 1.



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Law Enforcement	
<p>Requirement of law enforcement officers who routinely interact with the public will have to wear body cameras, are allowed to increase our enhanced 911 fee up to \$1 to help with the costs associated with the body cameras. Requires for all sexual assault forensic evidence kits to be submitted to a crime lab within 30 days of collection and requires the testing of such a kit within 120 days from receipt of the kit. Requires at least one law enforcement location to create an area for the safe transfer of items associated with sales initiated online while also releasing them of liability of any incident that may occur.</p>	
AB97	<i>Revises provisions relating to evidence collected from and the reimbursement of payment for forensic medical examinations of victims of sexual assault.</i>
	Requires law enforcement agencies to submit sexual assault forensic evidence kits to a forensic laboratory within 120 days and must be submitted to the crime lab within 30 days, beginning October 1, 2017.
	To Enrollment on June 5.
AB176	<i>Revises provisions relating to public safety..</i>
	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 allow 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.
	Approved by the Governor on May 25, and became effective upon passage and approval.
AB297	<i>Requires certain local governments to designate sites for persons to meet in order to complete the sale of personal property that was initiated on the Internet.</i>
	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.
	Approved by the Governor on May 22, effective October 1, 2017.
Recorder/ Clerk/ Treasurer/Assessor	
<p>Creates a flat fee for recording documents, allows county treasurer to expand authority of use of a facsimile signature. Expands the pool of eligible people who can qualify to have their information omitted from public records.</p>	
AB169	<i>Revises provisions governing certain fees collected by county recorders.</i>
	Creates a flat filing fee for recording of non-conforming documents with the County Recorder.
	Approved by the Governor on May 26, effective October 1, 2017.



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SB79	<i>Revises provisions concerning the confidentiality of certain personal information of certain persons and entities.</i>
	Allows for qualified employees in the District Attorney, Public Defender and Court personnel to obtain an order from District Court that would allow them to have their information redacted and held privately for otherwise public information.
	Approved by the Governor on June 1, effective October 1, 2017.

SB245	<i>Revises provisions governing county treasurers</i>
	Expands the authority of a county treasurer to use a facsimile signature.
	Approved by the Governor on May 30, effective July 1, 2017.

Animal Services

Created in state statute many of the ordinances that Washoe County Regional Animal Services currently operate under. Inserted "animal control officer" into appropriate chapters of NRS to ensure that our officers have the powers given to them by that state.

SB371	<i>Establishes provisions governing the care of an animal which has been impounded.</i>
	Makes state law the procedure by which Washoe County Regional Animal Services handles the impoundment of animals whose owners are lawfully arrested.
	Approved by the Governor on June 1 and effective upon passage and approval.

SB409	<i>Revises provisions relating to animals.</i>
	Prohibit a person from allowing a pet to remain unattended in a motor vehicle under certain circumstances as well as adding the term 'animal control officer' to state statute.
	Approved by the Governor on June 4, effective July 1, 2017.

SB411	<i>Revises provisions governing cruelty to animals.</i>
	Matches in state statute the ordinance that Washoe County has in the feral cat colonies and ensure it is not considered abandoning an animal.
	Approved by the Governor on June 2 and effective upon passage and approval.

Cooperative Extension

Expands to now include the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Desert Research Institute as land grant institutions.

AB407	<i>Designates the state land grant institutions in this State and requires a legislative audit of cooperative extension programs.</i>
	Expands colleges in Nevada that would be land grant institutions from the University of Nevada, Reno to also include the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Desert Research Institute.
	To Enrollment on June 4.