



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

## 2023 Legislative Session

### Week 1 Report

February 6 to February 10, 2023

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#### Bills of Interest

[AB2](#) – Allows for use of blue lights on certain vehicles.

[AB68](#) – Revises provisions governing the assessment imposed on certain counties for the operation of a regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children (China Spring).

[SB20](#) – Allows County Board of Commissioners to establish a process by ordinance for filling board vacancies. Enabling only, not a mandate. If no process is established by ordinance, current process by which Governor appoints remains in place.

[SB75](#) – Requires the election of a Registrar of Voters.

[SB81](#) – Revises provisions governing regional planning.

#### Items of Interest

##### Monday

Opening of Session and swearing in of legislators

##### Tuesday

###### Assembly Education

- Committee organization

###### Assembly Government Affairs

- Committee organization
- Presentation from Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) – Tina M. Leiss, Executive Officer

###### Assembly Growth and Infrastructure

- Committee organization
- Presentation on National Conference of State Legislatures on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act – Kristen Hildreth, Senior Legislative Director Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee and Susan Fredrick, Senior Federal Affairs Counsel
- Presentation from the Office of the Governor – Bob Lucey, Infrastructure Coordinator
- Presentation from the Governor's Office of Energy – Denise Frolich, Deputy Director

###### Assembly Judiciary

- Committee organization
- Overview of the Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy – Victoria Gonzalez, Executive Director; Jorja Powers, Manager of Policy and Analysis; Erasmo Cosio, Management Analyst II



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## Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections

- Committee Organization

## Assembly Revenue

- Committee organization
- Review of Revenue Reference Manual – Susana Powers, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division
- Review of December 2022 Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue Bulletin – Michael Nakamoto, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division

## Assembly Ways and Means

- Committee Organization

## Senate Finance

- Subcommittee on K-12/Higher Education/CIP Budget Hearings
  - State Public Charter School Authority
  - Public Charter School Loan Program
- Subcommittees on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation Budget Hearings
  - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
  - Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
  - Presentation of Conservation and Natural Resources Programs Funded with General Obligation Bonds – James A. Settlemeyer, Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

## Senate Health and Human Services

- Committee organization
- SB4 – Revises provisions governing certain programs to pay for prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services and other benefits.
- SB43 – Makes various changes relating to services for aging persons and persons with disabilities.

## Senate Judiciary

- Committee organization
- SB7 – Revises various provisions relating to gaming
- SB14 – Makes various changes relating to gaming

## Senate Legislative Operations and Elections

- Committee organization

## Senate Revenue and Economic Development

- Committee organization
- Presentation of Revenue Reference Manual – Christian Thauer, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division
- Review of December 2022 Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue Bulletin – Michael Nakamoto, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division



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## Wednesday

### Assembly Commerce and Labor

- Committee organization

### Assembly Government Affairs

- Presentation from Washoe County – Eric Brown, County Manager
- Presentation from Nevada Association of Counties – Vinson Guthreau, Executive Director
- Presentation from Public Employees’ Benefit Program – Laura Rich, Executive Officer

### Assembly Health and Human Services

- Committee organization
- Presentation from the Department of Health and Human Services – Richard Whitley, Director; Marla McDade Williams, Deputy Director of Programs

### Assembly Judiciary

- Presentation by the Department of Indigent Defense Services – Marcie E. Ryba, Executive Director; Thomas Qualls, Deputy Director; Peter Handy, Deputy Director
- Presentation by the Cannabis Compliance Board – Tyler Klimas, Executive Director

### Assembly Natural Resources

- Committee organization
- Presentation from Division of Minerals – Michael Visher, Administrator; Robert Ghiglieri, Deputy Administrator
- Presentation from Department of Agriculture – Dr. J.J. Goicoechea, Director

### Assembly Ways and Means and Senate Finance (Joint Meeting)

- Budget Hearings
  - Office of the Governor
  - Governor’s Mansion Maintenance
  - Office of Small Business Advocacy
  - Lieutenant Governor

### Senate Commerce and Labor

- Committee organization
- SB32 – Exempts persons engaged exclusively in transporting persons between states for certain purposes from provisions governing private investigators and related professions

### Senate Education

- Committee organization
- Presentation of 2023 Trends in State Education Policy – Gabriela Rodriguez, State Relations Strategist, Education Commission of the States (ECS); Zeke Perez, Jr., Senior Policy Analyst, ECS
- Presentation on Investing in Nevada’s Education, Students and Teachers (iNVEST) 2023 Plan, Nevada Association of School Superintendents’ Legislative Platform - Dr. Jesus Jara, Superintendent of Clark County School District, President of School Superintendents (NASS); Pam Teel, Superintendent of the Lincoln County School District, Vice President of NASS; Wayne Workman, Superintendent of Lyon County School District, Past President of NASS



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- Presentation on the State of Public Education and the Statewide Plan for the Improvement of Pupils – John Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Nevada Department of Education (NDE); DuAne Young, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement, NDE; Craig Statucki, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement, NDE; Megan Peterson, Deputy Superintendent of Student Investment, NDE
- SB9 – Revises provisions relating to education

## Senate Government Affairs

- Committee Organization
- SB2 – Revises provisions relating to emergency management.
  - Testified in support of bill as introduced and in support of Clark County amendment to include coroners and medical examiners in the provisions of the bill
- SB3 – Revises the Membership of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security
  - Signed in as support
- SB5 – Authorizes the Division of Emergency Management of the Office of the Military to use money in the Emergency Assistance Account for certain additional purposes.
  - Signed in as support

## Senate Growth and Infrastructure

- Committee organization
- Presentation by National Conference of State Legislatures: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Nevada - Kristen Hildreth, Senior Legislative Director; Susan Frederick, Senior Federal Affairs Counsel
- Presentation by Nevada Governor's Office of Energy: Introduction and Overview - Denise Frohlich, Deputy Director; Robin Yochum, Energy Program Manager; Laura Wickham, Energy Program Manager
- Presentation by State of Nevada Public Utilities Commission: Introduction and Overview - Stephanie Mullen, Executive Director; Garrett Weir, General Counsel

Met with Assemblywoman Brown-May on issues related to trick-driving and street racing

## **Thursday**

### Assembly Judiciary

- Overview of Clark County and Washoe County Offices of the District Attorney John Jones, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Clark County District Attorney's Office Jennifer P. Noble, Chief Deputy District Attorney, Washoe County District Attorney's Office
- Overview of the State Board of Parole Commissioners Christopher P. DeRicco, Chair Kathi Baker, Management Analyst III Matt Thrasher, Management Analyst I
- Overview of the Department of Public Safety George Togliatti, Director Sheri Brueggemann, Deputy Director Curtis Palmer, Administrative Services Officer IV

### Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance (Joint Meeting)

- Subcommittees on Human Services Budget Hearings
  - Department of Health and Human Services



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- Fund for Resilient Nevada
- Administration
- Grants Management Unit
- Data Analytics
- Subcommittees on General Government Budget Hearings
  - Department of Taxation

## Assembly Government Affairs

- Presentation from Clark County - Kevin Schiller, County Manager; Jessica Colvin, Chief Financial Officer; Joanna Jacob, Government Affairs Manager
- Presentation from Elko County - Amanda Osborne, County Manager
- Presentation from Division of Human Resource Management, Department of Administration - Mandee Bowsmith, Administrator; Matthew Tuma, Deputy Director, Department of Administration

## Assembly Education

- Presentation from Nevada Association of School Superintendents - Dr. Jesus Jara, Clark County School District Superintendent; President Pam Teel, Lincoln County School District Superintendent Vice President; Keith Lewis, Douglas County School District Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer
- Presentation from Nevada Department of Education - Jhone Ebert, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; DuAne Young, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Student Achievement; Craig Statucki, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Educator Effectiveness and Family Engagement; Megan Peterson, Deputy Superintendent, Student Investment
- Presentation from Nevada State Public Charter School Authority - Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director; Ryan Herrick, General Counsel

## Assembly Growth and Infrastructure

- Presentation from Public Utilities Commission of Nevada - Stephanie Mullen, Executive Director; Garrett Weir, General Counsel
- Presentation from NV Energy - Ryan Bellows, Vice President, Government and External Relations; Marie Steele, Vice President, Integrated Energy Services
- Presentation from Nevada Rural Electric Association - Carolyn Turner, Executive Director
- Presentation from Southwest Gas Corporation - Justin Brown, President; Scott Leedom, Director, Public Affairs

## Assembly Revenue

- Presentation from Department of Taxation - Shellie Hughes, Executive Director; Yvonne Nevarez Goodson, Chief Deputy Executive Director; Jeff Mitchell, Deputy Executive Director, Local Government Services; Jennifer Roebuck, Deputy Executive Director, Compliance
- Presentation from Cannabis Compliance Board - Tyler Klimas, Executive Director

Senate Legislative Operations and Elections and Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections (Joint Meeting)



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- Presentation Regarding the Activities and Operations of the Nevada Commission on Ethics Ross Armstrong, Esq., Executive Director, Nevada Commission on Ethics
- Overview of the Programs and Activities of the Office of the Secretary of State and Review of Election Issues Francisco V. Aguilar, Secretary of State; Mark Wlaschin, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections

## Senate Judiciary

- Presentation from Department of Corrections - James Dzurenda, Director
- Presentation from Department of Indigent Defense Services - Marcie Ryba, Director
- SB 39 Provides that certain records received, obtained and compiled by the Board on Indigent Defense Services in the Department of Indigent Defense Services and the Department are confidential under certain circumstances.
- SB 67 Revises the definition of the term "sexual offense" for the purpose of certain provisions relating to parole.

## Senate Revenue and Economic Development

- Overview of the Department of Taxation - Shellie Hughes, Executive Director; Yvonne Nevarez Goodson, Chief Deputy Director; Jeff Mitchell, Deputy Director, Local Government Services; Jennifer Roebuck, Deputy Director, Compliance
- Overview of the Committee on Local Government Finance - Marvin Leavitt, Chair, Committee on Local Government Finance

## Senate Natural Resources

- Committee Organization
- Presentation from Nevada Department of Agriculture – Dr. J.J. Goicoechea, Director, Nevada Department of Agriculture

## Senate Finance

- SB124 - Revises provisions relating to the tax upon the net proceeds of minerals and royalties of mining operations

Meeting with Speaker Yeager with Registrar of Voters Rodriguez regarding general elections administration matters

## Initial standing weekly meeting of certain local governments with Speaker Yeager

- Clark County
- Washoe County
- City of Las Vegas
- City of Henderson
- City of North Las Vegas
- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- Nevada Association of Counties (NACO)
- Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities



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- Urban Consortium (Cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, Sparks – Represented by Hardy Strategies)

## **Friday**

### Assembly Judiciary

- Presentation by the Nevada Gaming Control Board - Kirk D. Hendrick, Chairman; George Assad, Member; Brittnie Watkins, Member; Michael K. Morton, Senior Policy Counsel
- Presentation by the Nevada Department of Corrections - James Dzurenda, Director

### Joint Meeting of Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means

- Treasurer's Office Budget Hearings
  - State Treasurer
  - Nevada College Savings Trust
  - Higher Education Tuition Administration
  - Unclaimed Property
- Controller's Office Budget Hearings
  - Controller's Office

### Assembly Government Affairs

- Presentation from Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities - Wesley Harper, Executive Director
- Presentation from Boulder City - Joseph P. Hardy, M.D., Mayor; Taylour Tedder, City Manager
- Presentation from City of Las Vegas - Olivia Diaz, Councilwoman, Ward 3; Lisa Morris Hibbler, Ph.D., Chief Community Services Officer
- Presentation from City of Reno – Devon Reece, Vice Mayor; Doug Thornley, City Manager; Nic Ciccone, Legislative Relations Program Manager
- City of Sparks - Ed Lawson, Mayor; Alyson McCormick, Assistant City Manager

### Assembly Commerce and Labor

- Overview of Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Christopher Sewell, Director
- Presentation on the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission - Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui; Cesar Melgarejo, Senior Principal Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau
- Review of Financial Information Received by the Audit Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, from Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards - Daniel L. Crossman, Legislative Auditor, Legislative Counsel Bureau; Laura Harwood, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Legislative Counsel Bureau

### Assembly Health and Human Services

- Overview of Medicaid and Social Services Programs in Nevada

### Senate Education

- Presentation on the Findings of the Commission on School Funding and the Implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan - Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding; Megan



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Peterson, Deputy Superintendent of Student Investment, Nevada's Department of Education (NDE); James Kirkpatrick, State Education Funding Manager, NDE

- SB46 - Revises provisions governing education
- SB56 - Creates a commission to study and make recommendations concerning education statutes and regulations

## **Fiscal Note Requests received to date: 62**

### **Preview of the week ahead: February 13 to February 17**

#### **Monday, 2/13**

Joint meeting of Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means

- Presentation from Public Employees' Retirement System – Tina M. Leiss, Executive Officer

Senate Commerce and Labor

- Presentation from Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce – Ann Silver, CEO

Assembly Health and Human Services

- Overview of Public Health and Public Health Infrastructure in Nevada
  - Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services
  - Carson City Health and Human Services; Central Nevada Health District; Southern Nevada Health District; Washoe County Health District
  - Center for Public Health Excellence, University of Nevada, Reno

Senate Growth and Infrastructure

- S.B. 6 – Revises provisions relating to the release of personal information maintained by the Department of Motor Vehicles

#### **Tuesday, 2/14**

Joint meeting of Assembly and Senate Legislative Operations and Elections Committees

- Presentation from Washoe County Registrar of Voters Jamie Rodriguez

Assembly Judiciary

- A.B. 68 - Revises provisions governing the assessment imposed on certain counties for the operation of a regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children

Assembly Growth and Infrastructure

- A.B. 2 – Revises provisions relating to public safety. City of Sparks bill on blue lights

Senate Government Affairs

- S.B. 26 - Revises provisions relating to public works

Senate Revenue and Economic Development

- Overview on Sales and Use Taxes in Nevada and the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement - Shellie Hughes, Executive Director, Department of Taxation; Yvonne Nevarez Goodson, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Taxation; Jennifer Roebuck, Deputy Director, Compliance, Department of Taxation



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## Wednesday, 2/15

### Joint meeting of Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means

- Department of Health and Human Services Budget Hearings – Division of Public and Behavioral Health
  - Child Care Services
  - Nevada Central Cancer Registry
  - Health Statistics and Planning
  - Environmental Health Services
  - Health Care Facilities Reg
  - Public Health Preparedness Program
  - Health Investigations and EPI
  - Chronic Disease
  - Office of Health Administration
  - Community Health Services
  - Public Health Improvements
  - Emergency Medical Services

### Assembly Judiciary

- Overview presentation of the Clark County and Washoe County Public Defender's Offices – John Piro, Chief Deputy Public Defender, Clark County; Erica P. Roth, Government Affairs Liaison and Deputy Public Defender, Washoe County

### Assembly Government Affairs

- Presentation from Office of the State Controller – Andy Matthews, State Controller; James Smack, Chief Deputy Controller
- Presentation from Department of Veterans Services – Fred Wagner, Director

### Senate Judiciary

- SB104 – Revises provisions relating to traffic offenses

### Assembly Natural Resources

- Presentation from Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry – Kacey KC, State Forester and Firewarden
- Presentation from Department of Wildlife- Alan Jenne, Director
- A.B. 46 – Makes various changes relating to historical markers

## Thursday, 2/16

### Joint meeting of Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means

- Department of Public Safety Budget Hearings
  - State Fire Marshal

### Senate Revenue and Economic Development

- Overview of the Governor's Office of Economic Development



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