



TO: Chairman and Board Members
FROM: John Erwin, Dir. Natural Resources-Planning & Development
DATE: June 8, 2015
SUBJECT: Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding 2015 legislative activities and current bills

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Board provide direction to staff on pending legislation for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Discussion

This is a standing item on legislative matters on the Board's monthly agenda. The *attached table* summarizes current Senate and Assembly bills that staff is tracking as well as the latest position the Board and/or its Legislative Subcommittee have taken on each bill. TMWA lobbyists will attend the Board meetings to answer questions and provide insights into the legislative intent.

The *attached table* contains updated data through the date of this memo. The column headed "Board/Committee Position" are the results of action taken by the Board's subcommittee through its April 24, 2015 meeting. The column headed "Bill Status, Comments &/Or Explanations" are the final results of the 2015 Legislature as of Sine Die on June 1, 2015.

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FINANCIAL, RISK ASSESSMENT			
1 AB19 F	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions governing the timing of the adoption of tentative budgets by certain local governments. (BDR 31-456) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB19.pdf Existing law requires that the budget hearings must be held: (1) for county budgets, on the third Monday in May; (2) for city budgets, on the third Tuesday in May; (3) for school districts, on the third Wednesday in May; and (4) for all other local governments, on the third Thursday in May or the Friday immediately succeeding the third Thursday in May. This bill revises the provision regarding the days on which the budget hearings must be held to require that the budget hearings instead be held on or before the specified day.	Do pass (Amend. No. 214); Chapter 49; Effective May 11, 2015	1/26-W; IP
2 AB54 F	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to local governments existing in a severe financial emergency. (BDR 31-308) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB54.pdf AN ACT relating to local financial administration; revising provisions governing the operation of the Committee on Local Government Finance; revising provisions relating to the management of a local government existing in a severe financial emergency; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass (Amend. No. 170); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 161; Effective May 25, 2015	1/27-W; IP
3 AB469 F	Committee on Ways and Means Creating the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor. (BDR 18-1180) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/BDR/BDR78_18-1180.pdf Existing law creates the Department of Administration consisting of several divisions, including the Budget Division and the Division of Internal Audits. Section 2 of this bill creates the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor. Sections 2-13 of this bill transfer the duties of the Budget Division and the Division of Internal Audits from the Department of Administration to the Office of Finance. Sections 14-16 of this bill provide transitory provisions regarding the transfer of the responsibilities of the Department of Administration to the Office of Finance, including the transfer and adoption of regulations, the effect of name changes on any existing contracts, revisions that may be necessary to other provisions of existing law and administrative regulations to conform to the changes made in this bill and other necessary direction to carry out the intent of this bill. If this bill is enacted, the Legislative Counsel and the Legal Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau will be required by section 16 and NRS 220.120 to conform all sections of law not included in this bill to the reorganization provided by this bill.	Mentioned (Amend. No. 800); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 343; Effective July 1, 2015.	3/25-W; IP
GOVERNANCE			
4 AB60 G	Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Revises provisions relating to ethics in government. (BDR 23-309) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB60.pdf AN ACT relating to ethics in government; revising provisions relating to ethics in government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Under the Nevada Ethics in Government Law, the requirement to disclose a conflict of interest applies to public officers as well as public employees, but the requirements relating to abstention only apply to public officers. Section 2 of this bill extends to public employees the requirements relating to abstention from taking action on matters on which a public employee has a prescribed conflict of interest.	Do pass (Amend. No. 514); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 198; Effective May 27, 2015	1/27-W; IP

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7 L	AB201 Kirkpatrick, Thompson, Elliot Anderson, Benitez-Thompson, Araujo, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Hansen, Kirner, Neal, Spiegel, Swank, and Wheeler Revises provisions governing eminent domain. (BDR 3-960) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB201.pdf This bill prohibits the exercise of the power of eminent domain to take a residential mortgage or deed of trust or a note secured by a residential mortgage or deed of trust.	Do pass (Amend. No. 237); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 173; Effective May 25, 2015	3/17-O; IP 6/9-S

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OPEN MEETING, RECORDS, BOARDS & ELECTIONS			
8 AB40 O	Committee on Judiciary Revises provisions relating to the State Gaming Control Board. (BDR 41-352) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB40.pdf Legislative Counsel's Digest: Under existing law, meetings of the State Gaming Control Board must be open to the public, except that certain meetings, including, without limitation, investigative hearings, may be conducted in private under certain circumstances. Section 1 of this bill specifically provides that certain actions and proceedings of the Board are not subject to certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. Sections 2 and 3 of this bill change the name of the State Gaming Control Board to the Nevada Gaming Control Board.	Do pass (Amend. No.35); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 274; Effective May 29, 2015. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation four years after the effective date of this act.	1/27-W; IP
9 AB43 O	Committee on Transportation Clarifies confidentiality provisions governing certain documents. (BDR 35-377) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB43.pdf Under existing law, the Department of Transportation is authorized to advertise for proposals from design-build teams and contract with a design-build team for the design and construction of certain projects. The Department is also authorized to accept requests from certain persons seeking to develop, construct, improve, maintain or operate certain transportation facilities. The Department may authorize the person who requested such a project to carry out the project or may request that other persons submit proposals for the project. Sections 2 and 3 of this bill provide that certain documents or other information submitted to the Department by a person seeking a contract with the Department for a design-build project or a transportation facility project are confidential until the contract is awarded. Existing law authorizes public bodies to construct public works by advertising for proposals for a construction manager at risk and then selecting and entering into a contract with a construction manager at risk. Section 6 of this bill provides that certain documents or other information submitted to a public body by a construction manager at risk seeking a contract with a public body for a public works project are confidential until the contract is awarded. Under existing law, all public books and records of a governmental entity, the contents of which are not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, are required to be open at all times during office hours for inspection and copying by the public. Section 8 of this bill adds to the list of public books and records which are declared confidential those documents and other information as reflected in sections 2, 3 and 6.	Do pass (Amend. No. 83); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 123; Effective May 20, 2015. Sections 6 and 7.5 of this act expire by limitation on June 30, 2017.	1/30-W; IP
10 AB135 O	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to schedules for the retention and disposal of official state records. (BDR 19-547) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB135.pdf Existing law requires certain state agencies, boards and commissions, in cooperation with the Division of State Library and Archives of the Department of Administration, to develop a schedule for the retention and disposition of the official state records of the agency, board or commission. Existing law also requires the Division to submit the schedules to the Committee to Approve Schedules for the Retention and Disposition of Official State Records for approval. Upon approval of a schedule, existing law provides that an official state record may be disposed of only in accordance with the approved schedule. (NRS 239.077, 239.080) As recommended by the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission, this bill requires the Division to develop and conduct a program of education and training concerning the retention and disposition of official state records for employees of such agencies, boards and commissions. This bill also requires the head of a state agency, board or commission that is required to maintain its official state records in accordance with such an approved schedule to require certain employees to complete the program. This bill further requires the head of an agency, board or commission to issue a letter of reprimand to an employee of the agency, board or commission who disposes of an official state record in a manner contrary to the approved schedule. This bill also authorizes the head of an agency, board or commission to take more severe disciplinary action against such an employee in appropriate circumstances.	Do pass (Amend. Nos. 208 & 998); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 405; Effective June 8, 2015, for the purpose of performing any preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.	2/10-W; IP

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11 PE	AB388 Paul Anderson, Kirkpatrick, and Armstrong Revises provisions governing certain leaves of absence for military duty for public officers and employees. (BDR 23-180) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/BDR/BDR78_23-0180.pdf Under existing law, public officers and employees who are active members of the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States are required to be relieved from their duties as a public officer or employee to serve under orders without loss of their regular compensation for a period of not more than 15 working days in a calendar year. In addition to these 15 working days of leave, such public officers and employees who are employed by the State of Nevada and whose work schedules include Saturday or Sunday are required to be relieved from their duties as a public officer or employee to serve under orders without loss of their regular compensation for an additional 24 working days in a calendar year. This bill changes the period during which a public officer or employee is eligible to take the specified number of days of leave of absence for military duty each year from a calendar year to a 12-month period selected by the officer's or employee's public employer. This bill requires: (1) the Personnel Commission within the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration to prescribe this 12-month period by regulation for each state agency; and (2) each political subdivision to prescribe this 12-month period for its agencies. Under existing law, a public officer or employee who is on leave of absence for military duty receives his or her regular compensation and his or her military pay during that period of leave. With respect to a state officer or employee whose work schedule includes a Saturday or Sunday, this bill limits the officer's or employee's compensation for those additional 24 working days of leave as follows, for each hour during any such period of leave: (1) if the officer's or employee's military pay exceeds his or her regular compensation, the officer or employee receives only his or her military pay and not his or her regular compensation; or (2) if the officer's or employee's military pay does not exceed his or her regular compensation, the officer or employee receives his or her military pay and his or her regular compensation is reduced by an amount equal to his or her military pay. This bill also limits the use of the additional 24 working days of leave from service under any type of orders to only service under orders for training that is scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday. Finally, this bill clarifies the terms "work schedule" and "working day" for purposes of accounting for officers' and employees' leave of absence for military duty and clarifies that the leave must be accounted for on an hourly basis instead of a daily basis.	Do pass (Amend. No. 972); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 340; Effective June 4, 2015, for the purposes of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and on July 1, 2015, for all other purposes.	3/17-W; IP

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PUBLIC WORKS			
12 AB106 PW	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions related to public works. (BDR 28-244) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB106.pdf Existing law provides standard provisions that must be included in a public works contract between a public body and a design professional. A design professional is defined in existing law as a professional engineer, professional land surveyor, architect, interior designer, residential designer or landscape architect, or a business entity that is engaged in the business of professional engineering, land surveying, architecture or landscape architecture. This bill eliminates the requirement that a design professional who is not a member of a design-build team defend the public body in any lawsuit alleging negligence, errors or omissions, recklessness or intentional misconduct on the part of the design professional or his or her employees or agents resulting from his or her work on a project. In addition, this bill also provides that if the design professional is held to be liable as a result of a lawsuit, the judge or jury shall order the design professional to reimburse the public body for a proportionate share of the attorney's fees and costs the public body incurred in defending the action.	Do pass (Amend. No. 379); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 166; Effective May 25, 2015.	2/9-W; IP
13 AB137 PW	Assemblymen Ellison, Wheeler, Hambrick, Fiore, Hansen, Armstrong, Dickman, Gardner, Hickey, Kirner, Munford, O'Neill, Oscarson, Seaman, Silberkraus, Stewart, and Trowbridge; Senators Goicoechea, and Settlemeyer Revises provisions governing contractors. (BDR 54-513) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB137.pdf Existing law requires persons engaged in certain construction work to be licensed contractors, regulates the activities of licensed contractors, prohibits persons from making certain advertising claims about themselves as contractors, and provides criminal and monetary penalties for violations of the preceding provisions. Under existing law, it is unlawful for a licensed contractor or an applicant to become a licensed contractor to misrepresent a material fact in connection with any information or evidence furnished officially to the State Contractors' Board. Section 2 of this bill expands the prohibition to include omissions of material facts as well as misrepresentations. Section 3 of this bill adds the solicitation of a bid or estimate from an unlicensed person to the list of acts for which a licensed contractor may be subject to disciplinary action. In addition, section 13 3 mandates the suspension or revocation of the license of any contractor who engages in certain acts. Existing law prohibits licensed contractors and other persons from engaging in certain acts of advertising that are false or misleading. Section 5 of this bill: (1) requires any person who advertises to perform or complete construction work or a work of improvement, and who is not a licensed contractor to affirmatively state in the advertisement that they are not licensed; and (2) makes it unlawful for any person to advertise to perform or complete construction work or a work of improvement using a license number not assigned to that person. Section 6 of this bill increases the monetary fines that may be imposed for violations of certain provisions of chapter 624 of NRS. Sections 1 and 4 of this bill make conforming changes.	Do pass (Amend. No. 245); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 106; Effective October 1, 2015.	2/24-W; IP

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SAFETY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & MOTOR VEHICLES			
16 AB90 S	Committee on Government Affairs Establishes the Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid System. (BDR 36-391) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB90.pdf Existing law authorizes political subdivisions of this State to establish local organizations for emergency management in accordance with the state emergency management plan. The director of a local organization for emergency management may enter into reciprocal agreements with other such organizations to provide aid during an emergency or disaster. Section 15 of this bill creates a statewide mutual aid system, designated the Nevada Intrastate Mutual Aid System, within the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety to coordinate requests for mutual aid among the various public agencies of this State and certain Indian tribes and nations in this State. Section 17 of this bill requires each public agency in this State to participate in the System unless it opts out. Sections 18 and 19 of this bill set forth the requirements for making a request for intrastate mutual aid through the System and the responsibilities of the requesting and assisting participants. Section 20 of this bill sets forth the manner in which an assisting participant may be reimbursed by the requesting participant for costs incurred in providing mutual aid. Section 25 of this bill authorizes the Governor to request mutual aid from participants for use in providing interstate mutual aid.	Do pass (Amend. No. 211); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 69; Effective July 1, 2015.	1/27-W; IP
17 AB146 S	Committee on Transportation Revises provisions governing motor vehicle licensing. (BDR 40-15) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB146.pdf AN ACT relating to air pollution; revising provisions governing the frequency of required inspections of the emissions of certain motor vehicles; increasing fees charged by the Department of Motor Vehicles for certain forms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass (Amend. Nos. 422 & 1042); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 396; Effective July 1, 2015.	2/24-N; IP

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1 AB71 HR	Committee on Taxation Revises provisions relating to military veterans and members and relatives of members of the Nevada National Guard. (BDR 32-297) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB71.pdf AN ACT relating to taxation; revising provisions regarding property taxes and the governmental services tax to provide that certain veterans qualify for the maximum allowable exemption from those taxes; providing a deduction from the payroll tax for wages paid to newly hired full-time employees who are veterans; providing an exemption from certain sales and use taxes for certain relatives of a member of the Nevada National Guard who is called into active service and is killed while performing his or her duties as a member of the Nevada National Guard; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	2/3-W; IP
2 AB89 HR	Committee on Commerce and Labor Makes various changes to provisions relating to certain professions. (BDR 53-295) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB89.pdf AN ACT relating to professions; requiring the Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to gather and report certain data to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; authorizing a private employer to adopt an employment policy that gives preference in hiring to a veteran or the spouse of a veteran; revising provisions governing the dissemination of certain records of criminal history; authorizing certain persons to obtain a commercial driver's license without taking a driving skills test; authorizing certain qualified professionals to apply for a license by endorsement to practice in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	2/3-W; IP
3 AB105 PE	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions governing the membership of the Public Employees' Retirement Board. (BDR 23-682) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB105.pdf Under existing law, the Public Employees' Retirement System is governed by the Public Employee's Retirement Board, which consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. This bill increases the membership of the Board to eight members and provides that the State Treasurer is, by virtue of the office, a member of the Board.	DEAD	2/10-W; IP

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9 AB215 PW	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions governing public works. (BDR 28-540) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB215.pdf Existing law defines the term "public work" for certain purposes, including bidding for a contract for the construction of a public work, to include any construction project financed in whole or in part by public money, or any building of the Nevada System of Higher Education of which 25 percent or more of the costs are financed with state or federal money. Section 1 of this bill amends this definition as it pertains to buildings of the System to include a building which is financed with any state or federal money. Existing law provides for a preference in bidding for a public work if an applicant meets certain requirements. Section 2 of this bill amends these requirements to provide that a bid submitted as a construction manager at risk must utilize Nevada residents for 50 percent of their design team in order to receive a bidding preference. Existing law provides for the procedure for evaluating and ranking proposals submitted by construction managers at risk. Section 4 of this bill requires that a panel that reviews the bid proposals and the applicant interviews must contain some independent members who are not employed by the awarding agency. Section 4 also provides that a preference in bidding must be given to an applicant which is headquartered or maintains a permanently staffed office in this State. Section 4 further provides that if a proposal or interview requires the applicant to provide a proposed amount of compensation for managing the preconstruction and construction of the public work, the compensation must be calculated as at least 5 percent, but not more than 20 percent of the bid scoring. Finally, section 4 provides that the rankings of applicants compiled by the review panel must be reviewed and certified by the State Public Works Board.	DEAD	3/12-W; IP
10 AB229 HR	Committee on Commerce and Labor Revises provisions governing workers' compensation. (BDR 53-754) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB229.pdf AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; revising the period during which certain injured employees must file a claim for compensation with an insurer; revising provisions relating to the adoption by reference of standards for evaluating permanent impairment; providing that compensation is not payable if an injury is proximately caused by an employee's use of a prohibited substance; providing that the results of any test to determine whether an injured employee used alcohol or a controlled or prohibited substance must be made available to an insurer or employer upon request; authorizing an insurer to deny compensation for temporary total disability and vocational rehabilitation services under certain circumstances; revising procedures relating to the stay of a decision of an appeals officer; revising provisions relating to the time period and requirements for reopening a closed claim; revising provisions relating to the payment of benefits for a temporary total disability or vocation rehabilitation services following the reopening of a claim; revising provisions relating to certain payments to an injured employee of lump-sum compensation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	3/11-W; IP
11 AB249 HR	Wheeler, O'Neill, Dickman, Gardner, Hambrick, Dooling, Ellison, Hickey, Shelton, and Titus Makes various changes relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-521) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB249.pdf AN ACT relating to local governments; requiring that a copy of a proposed collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement of a local government employer be made available to the public before its approval by the governing body of the local government; revising the process of fact-finding and arbitration following an impasse in bargaining; removing a portion of the budgeted ending fund balance of the general fund of a local government from the scope of collective bargaining and from consideration by a fact finder or arbitrator; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	3/17-W; IP

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20 AB353 PW	Assemblymen Dickman, Moore, Fiore, Trowbridge, Jones, Ellison, Munford, Oscarson, Seaman, Shelton, Titus, and Wheeler; Senators Gustavson, and Settlemeyer Revises provisions governing public purchasing and contracting. (BDR 27-920) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB353.pdf Under existing law, the governing body of a local governmental entity or its authorized representative must advertise all contracts for purchasing for which the estimated annual amount required to perform the contract exceeds \$50,000. With some exceptions, such a contract must be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Section 1 of this bill revises the list of contracts which are exempt from the competitive bidding process, requiring that certain types of contracts be competitively bid if the annual amount required to perform the contract exceeds \$50,000. Existing law requires the Administrator of the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration to contract for services whose estimated value is \$100,000 or more, and allows the Administrator to authorize most officers, agencies, departments, institutions, boards and commissions of the State to contract for such services if he or she determines that to do so would be in the best interests of the State. (NRS 333.165) Section 2 of this bill requires that all such contracts be awarded through the competitive bidding process. Section 3 of this bill applies that same competitive bidding requirement to a contract for the services of a person as an independent contractor.	DEAD	3/18 O; IP
21 AB356 PE	Fiore, Gardner, Dooling, Dickman, Ellison, Jones, and Shelton Revises provisions governing labor organizations. (BDR 53-844) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB356.pdf Existing law protects employees from compulsory membership in a labor organization. Section 2 of this bill prohibits a labor organization from threatening or otherwise attempting to illegally coerce or threaten a business into complying with a demand of the labor organization. Section 3 of this bill prohibits a labor organization or its members or agents from physically damaging the property or merchandise of any business. Section 4 of this bill provides that existing law governing the right to work and the provisions of this bill are not to be construed as limiting the rights of labor organizations or employees under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Section 8 of this bill provides for a civil action for violations of the provisions of this bill and provides for the vicarious liability of a labor organization for the actions of its members and presumed damages of \$5,000, or actual damages, whichever is greater and related attorney's fees and costs.	DEAD	3/17-W; IP
22 AB426 PE	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR 23-1103) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB426.pdf Under existing law, the governing body of any county, school district, municipal corporation, political subdivision, public corporation or other local governmental agency of the State of Nevada may negotiate and contract with the Board of the Public Employees' Benefits Program to secure exclusive group insurance for all of its officers and employees and their dependents in certain circumstances. When an officer or employee of such a governing body retires, he or she has the option to cancel any such coverage or to continue any such coverage to the extent he or she is not eligible for Medicare under federal law. If the officer or employee chooses to continue the coverage, the governing body must pay the same portion of the cost of the coverage under the Program as the State pays for persons who retire from state service and participate in the Program. Section 2 of this bill provides that the governing body of a local governmental agency who provides exclusive group insurance to its officers and employees through the Program has the option to offer its retirees a continuation of coverage under the Program as provided in existing law or to instead provide the retiree a subsidy, equal to the cost the State pays for persons retired from state service who participate in the Program, to be used by the retiree to obtain health insurance. The employer must give its officers and employees notice of its initial choice not less than 90 days before making such a choice, and must thereafter provide notice of the choice upon initial employment of any eligible employee. Sections 1 and 3-9 of this bill make conforming changes. Section 12 of this bill provides that this bill does not apply to a retiree of a local governmental agency who retired before July 1, 2015, to the extent that any change to the provision of coverage under the Program is prohibited by any contract between the retiree and the local governmental agency, the retiree and the Program or the retiree and a health insurer who provides coverage under the Program.	DEAD	3/25-W; IP Page 16 of 35

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23 AB455 WR	Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study regarding the present and future supplies of water and allocation levels in this State. (BDR S-481) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB455.pdf Under existing law, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands is authorized to review and comment on the laws, regulations and policies relating to the use, allocation and management of water in this State. Section 2 of this bill directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study to focus specifically on the present and future supplies of water and allocation levels in this State. Section 3 of this bill requires the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide administrative and technical assistance to the committee at the request of the Chair of the committee.	DEAD	3/25-W; IP
24 AB479 O	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to public notices. (BDR 19-1095) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB479.pdf Existing law requires the publication of a legal notice or legal advertisement in certain newspapers of general circulation and also establishes the procedures and requirements for such publication. Section 11 of this bill authorizes the publication of a legal notice or legal advertisement on an Internet website maintained by a newspaper, or by a broadcast radio or television station, in lieu of publishing the legal notice or legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation, unless a specific statute specifically prohibits publication of the legal notice or legal advertisement on an Internet website. If a legal notice or legal advertisement is published on an Internet website, section 11 requires the newspaper or broadcaster who maintains the Internet website to publish in a newspaper in which the legal notice or legal advertisement would have otherwise been published the Internet address of the Internet website on which the legal notice or legal advertisement is published. Section 11 additionally requires publication on the Internet website and in the newspaper of the mailing address and phone number of any state or local governmental agency at which a person may request or obtain a copy of the legal notice or legal advertisement. Section 8 of this bill allows a state agency that is required to publish a legal notice or legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation the option of publishing the legal notice or legal advertisement on an Internet website in accordance with the provisions of this bill.	DEAD	3/25-W; IP

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20 SB26 F	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions governing the collection of debts by the State Controller. (BDR 31-499) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB26.pdf AN ACT relating to state financial administration; authorizing the State Controller to withhold income from the wages of a person who owes a debt to a state agency after a judgment has been obtained against the person; authorizing the imposition of a fine and punitive damages against an employer under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass (Amend. No. 105); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 28; Effective on May 6, 2015.	3/2-W; IP
21 SB289 F	Senator Denis; Assemblyman Paul Anderson Revises provisions relating to the protection of technology. (BDR 19-892) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB289.pdf Existing law creates the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security and requires the Commission to make recommendations with respect to actions and measures to protect residents of this State and visitors to this State from potential acts of terrorism and related emergencies. This bill requires each provider of Internet protocol service which serves an agency or political subdivision of this State to interconnect and maintain a peering arrangement within this State with all other such providers of Internet protocol service.	Do pass (Amend. No. 472); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 248; his act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.	3/24-W; IP
22 SB448 F	Committee on Judiciary Revises provisions governing the deposit of certain public money in insured institutions. (BDR 31-1141) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB448.pdf AN ACT relating to public money; authorizing a county treasurer to deposit county money in certain insured deposit accounts in insured banks, insured credit unions or insured savings and loan associations; providing for the redeposit of money under the control of the State Treasurer, county money, city money or money under the control of the treasurer of an incorporated city or other local government into insured deposit accounts in one or more other insured banks, insured credit unions or insured savings and loan associations under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass; Approved by the Governor; Chapter 89; Effective on July 1, 2015.	3/25-N; IP

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23 SB29 G	<p>Committee on Government Affairs Grants power to a board of county commissioners to perform certain acts which are not prohibited or limited by statute. (BDR 20-465) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB29.pdf In 1868, Judge John F. Dillon of the Iowa Supreme Court established a common-law rule of statutory interpretation known as Dillon's Rule, which limits the powers of local governments. Under Dillon's Rule, a local government is authorized to exercise only those powers which are: (1) expressly granted; (2) necessarily or fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted; or (3) essential to the accomplishment of the declared purposes of the local government. Under existing law, county commissioners are authorized to exercise only those powers which are expressly granted and powers that are necessarily implied to carry out express powers. This bill authorizes a board of county commissioners, with limited exceptions, to exercise all powers needed to ensure the health and safety of the public, even if such a power is neither express nor implied, so long as the power is not expressly prohibited or limited by constitutional or statutory provisions granted to another entity.</p>	After passage discussion (Amend. Nos. 278 & 740); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 416; This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.	1/23-W; IP
24 SB157 G	<p>Committee on Government Affairs Enacts the State and Local Government Cooperation Act. (BDR 22-706) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB157.pdf This bill enacts the State and Local Government Cooperation Act. Section 7 of this bill provides that the purpose of the Act is to facilitate cooperation and coordination between state agencies and local governments to: (1) provide consistency in interpretive rulings made by state agencies and local governments; and (2) encourage communication and foster positive working relationships between the Executive Department of State Government and local governments. Sections 4-6 of this bill define "interpretive ruling," "local government" and "state agency." Section 8 of this bill requires a state agency, before making an interpretive ruling that may affect an interpretive ruling of a local government, to: (1) inform and solicit comments from the local governments that may be affected; (2) allow a reasonable time for each such local government to submit comments; (3) consider any comments received from affected local governments in preparing its interpretive ruling; and (4) inform in writing each affected local government that submitted comments of the state agency's proposed interpretive ruling. Section 8 also authorizes a local government to submit a request to the Governor, or his or her designee, to consider any inconsistency between the proposed interpretive ruling of the state agency and an interpretive ruling of a local government. If the Governor, or his or her designee, considers such a request, he or she may recommend sustaining or amending the state agency's ruling. Section 9 of this bill provides that nothing in the Act shall be interpreted to: (1) limit the power of a state agency to carry out its statutory duties and responsibilities; (2) supersede any law providing for the right of any party to seek administrative or judicial review in a contested case; or (3) otherwise affect the right of any party to seek such review.</p>	2/17 From printer. To committee.	2/16-W, IP

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25 SB158 HR	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local governments. (BDR 23-704) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB158.pdf If a local government employer is a party to a collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement, existing law requires that the agreement be approved at a public hearing by the governing body of the local government employer. Section 1 of this bill requires that a copy of the proposed agreement and certain supporting material relating to the agreement be made available to the public not less than 10 days before the hearing, either by posting the documents on the Internet website of the local government or, if the local government does not have such a website, by depositing the documents with the clerk of the governing body. Any document so deposited is a public record and must be open for public inspection. Existing law provides for the public dissemination of any supporting material provided to a public body in connection with a meeting of the body, and establishes the time within which such material must be made available to the public. Section 2 of this bill revises those provisions to conform with the requirements of section 1.	Do pass (Amend. No. 156); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 84; Effective on July 1, 2015.	2/13-W; IP
26 SB224 HR	Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy Revises provisions relating to employment. (BDR 53-985) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB224.pdf Section 16 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution defines the term "employee" and requires each employer to pay a certain minimum wage to each employee. Existing law imposes certain additional requirements relating to compensation, wages and hours of employees. (Chapter 608 of NRS) Section 2 of this bill defines the term "independent contractor." Section 5 of this bill excludes the relationship between a principal and an independent contractor from those relationships that constitute employment relationships for the purpose of requiring the payment of a minimum wage. Section 3 of this bill prohibits a person from recovering unpaid wages in a proceeding relating to the payment of a minimum wage unless the person consents in writing to become a plaintiff in such a proceeding and such a consent is filed with the court or agency in which the proceeding is brought. Section 7 of this bill applies the provisions of this bill to any action or proceeding to recover unpaid wages pursuant to a requirement to pay a minimum wage in which a final decision has not been rendered as of the effective date of this bill.	Do pass (Amend. Nos. 599 & 865) Approved by the Governor; Chapter 325; Effective June 2, 2015.	3/13-W; IP
27 SB231 HR	COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY Revises provisions relating to workers' compensation. (BDR 53-986) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB231.pdf AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; limiting the amount certain providers of health care can charge an insurer for providing prescription drugs to an injured employee; revising provisions related to the time that an insurer has to pay a bill submitted by a provider of health care; revising provisions relating to injured employees who were injured while intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled or prohibited substance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass (Amend. Nos. 157 & 574); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 239; Effective May 27, 2015 for the purposes of adopting any regulations or performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.	3/13-W; IP

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28 SB232 HR	COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR AND ENERGY Makes various changes relating to workers' compensation. (BDR 53-987) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB232.pdf This bill revises various provisions of the Nevada Industrial Insurance Act, which provides for the payment of compensation to employees who are injured or disabled as the result of an occupational injury. Existing law provides that if an insurer, organization for managed care, third-party administrator or employer denies coverage for medical treatment or services related to an employee's injury, and the employee's health or casualty insurer pays for such treatment or services, the health or casualty insurer may seek reimbursement from the insurer, organization for managed care, third-party administrator or employer if a hearing officer or appeals officer ultimately determines that the treatment or services should have been covered by the insurer, organization for managed care, third-party administrator or employer. Section 1 of this bill provides a reciprocal right to reimbursement in situations in which an insurer, organization for managed care, third-party administrator or employer appeals an order of a hearing officer, appeals officer or district court and the order is not stayed pending the appeal. In such situations, if the appeal is successful, the insurer, organization for managed care, third-party administrator or employer is entitled to seek reimbursement from the injured employee's health or casualty insurer for payments made while the appeal was pending. Existing law provides for the reopening of a workers' compensation claim under certain circumstances and conditions. Under these provisions, an employee has 1 year to file an application to reopen a claim if the employee was not off work as a result of the injury and did not receive benefits for a permanent partial disability. Section 2 of this bill revises NRS 616C.390 to provide that an employee has 1 year to file an application to reopen a claim if the employee did not receive benefits for either a temporary total or permanent partial disability. Existing law provides that an injured employee who suffers a permanent partial disability may elect to receive compensation for that injury in a lump sum. Section 3 of this bill provides that an employee who has sustained more than one permanent partial disability may not receive compensation for any portion of an injury that is based on a combined permanent partial disability rating for all the employee's injuries that exceeds 100 percent.	Do pass (Amend. No. 307); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 240; Effective May 27, 2015 for the purposes of adopting any regulations or performing any preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.	3/11-W; IP

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<u>OPEN MEETING, RECORDS, & BOARD & ELECTIONS</u>			
29 SB70 O	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions governing meetings of public bodies. (BDR 19-155) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB70.pdf AN ACT relating to public bodies; making various changes relating to meetings of public bodies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass (Amend. No. 108); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 226; Effective May 27, 2015.	2/10-W; IP

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30	SB505 Committee on Finance Provides for the temporary suspension of the collection of certain subsidies to be paid to the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR S-1205) PE http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/BDR/BDR78_S-1205.pdf Under existing law, state officers and employees who elect to participate in the Public Employees' Benefits Program are required to authorize deductions from their paychecks to pay the employees' share of the premiums or contributions for the Program. Existing law requires each state agency that participates in the Public Employees' Benefits Program to pay to the Program a monthly assessment for each state officer and employee who is employed by the agency on a permanent and full-time basis and who elects to participate in the Program. The subsidies paid are deposited into the Active Employee Group Insurance Subsidy Account within the Agency Fund for the Payroll of the State. Money from this Account is transferred periodically to the Fund for the Public Employees' Benefits Program based on the actual cost of the subsidies for that period. The amount of the subsidy for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$695.35 per person, per month. This bill provides for a state agency premium holiday by requiring that a participating state agency only pay such subsidy for the first 10 months of Fiscal Year 2014- 2015. Although a corresponding premium holiday is not provided for the state employees in this bill, this bill specifically provides that the state employees must not be required to pay the portion of the cost of the premiums and contributions that would have otherwise been paid by their state employers during the 2 months of the state agency premium holiday. This bill further requires the Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration, the Senate Fiscal Analyst and the Assembly Fiscal Analyst to, without further legislative approval, process revisions in the appropriate work programs to transfer the money saved by not paying the subsidies from the appropriate account of each participating state agency for reversion to the State General Fund.	Mentioned no jurisdiction; Approved by the Governor; Chapter 35; Effective on May 6, 2015.	3/25-W; IP

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31	SB47 Committee on Government Affairs Makes various changes relating to the Consolidated Local Improvements Law. (BDR 22-421) PW http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB47.pdf AN ACT relating to local improvements; removing the provision that a commercial area vitalization project is limited to an area zoned primarily for business or commercial purposes and deleting the statutory references to such a project; authorizing the governing body of a municipality to acquire, improve, operate and maintain a neighborhood improvement project for the beautification and improvement of an area without regard to its zoning; authorizing the provision of additional public services in such an area; expanding the applicability of provisions authorizing a special assessment within an improvement district located in a redevelopment area; authorizing the use of money in a surplus and deficiency fund for the payment of certain administrative costs; increasing the amount of money subject to transfer to such a fund after the outstanding indebtedness of an improvement district has been paid; revising provisions for the collection of unpaid assessments and the modification of an improvement project; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Do pass (Amend. No. 106); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 31; Effective on July 1, 2015.	2/3-W; IP
32	SB223 Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy Revises provisions relating to contractors. (BDR 53-984) PW http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB223.pdf Existing law makes an original contractor liable for any indebtedness incurred by a subcontractor for labor costs, including benefits payable to a trust established by a collective bargaining unit. Sections 1 and 3 of this bill provide that a prime contractor is not liable for the labor costs of a subcontractor to the extent those costs are: (1) interest, liquidated damages, attorney's fees or costs resulting from a subcontractor's failure to pay contributions or other payments to, or on behalf of, an employee; or (2) any amounts for which the prime contractor did not receive adequate notice in the manner that section 5 of this bill requires. Section 2 of this bill reduces the statute of limitations period applicable to commencing an action against a prime contractor for the recovery of wages or benefits due to an employee of a subcontractor. Existing law also provides that a mechanics' or materialmen's lien claimant must provide a notice of right to lien to an owner of property upon which work has been performed unless the claimant is a person who only performed labor on the project. Section 4 of this bill provides that a mechanics' and materialmen's lien claimant shall not avoid the obligation to provide a notice of lien to a property owner by a claim that the property owner had actual or constructive notice that the lien claimant provided work, equipment, materials or services to the project. In addition, section 4 excludes from the exemption an express benefit trust which receives a portion of the compensation paid to a laborer. Section 5 of this bill requires an administrator of a Taft-Hartley trust that does not receive a benefit payment required to be made to the trust by a general contractor or subcontractor, within 45 days after the required payment was due, to provide notice to the general contractor and subcontractor that the benefit payment has not been received. Existing law requires the Labor Commissioner, in the context of public works, to enforce various provisions relating to labor, wages and employment practices, allows the Labor Commissioner to impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each violation thereof and requires the Labor Commissioner to report each such violation to the Attorney General. Section 6 of this bill adds failure to comply with the notice requirements of section 5 to the impermissible acts within the scope of the enforcement powers of the Labor Commissioner that are set forth in NRS 338.015.	Amend, and do pass as amended (Amend. Nos. 458 & 721); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 345; This act becomes effective on October 1, 2015.	3/12-W; IP

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<u>SAFETY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & MOTOR VEHICLES</u>			
34 SB43 S	Committee on Transportation Revises provisions governing certain safety requirements for driving across railroad tracks. (BDR 43-378) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB43.pdf Under existing law, the driver of certain vehicles crossing at grade any track or tracks of a railroad must stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail of the railroad, must listen and look in both directions along the track for any approaching train, and may only proceed when the driver can do so safely. This bill imposes the same requirements on drivers of certain commercial vehicles. This bill also provides that it is unlawful for the driver of certain commercial vehicles to stop the vehicle before completely crossing such railroad tracks due to insufficient space for the vehicle on the opposite side of the tracks or insufficient undercarriage clearance of the vehicle. The penalty for a violation of this prohibition is provided in regulations promulgated by the Department of Motor Vehicles, which is authorized to adopt such regulations as part of the implementation of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, as amended.	Do pass (Amend. No. 30); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 42; Effective on October 1, 2015.	2/10-W; IP

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35 SB45	Committee on Natural Resources Revises provisions governing the distribution of grants of money by the State Conservation Commission to conservation districts. (BDR 49-361) WR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB45.pdf Existing law sets forth the general rule that the State Conservation Commission must distribute grants of money provided by legislative appropriation to qualifying conservation districts in equal amounts. This bill provides an exception to the general rule for the distribution of such grants of money if: (1) the grants of money are for a specific competitive grant program for which the Legislature expressly appropriated money; and (2) the competitive grant program is governed by regulations specifically adopted to govern that competitive grant program and those regulations expressly state that the grants of money may be distributed in unequal amounts.	Mentioned no jurisdiction; Approved by the Governor; Chapter 21; Effective on April 7, 2015.	1/25-W; IP
36 SB311	Kieckhefer Revises provisions relating to irrigation districts. (BDR 48-831) WR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB311.pdf Existing law authorizes a board of directors of an irrigation district to incur an indebtedness not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$1,000,000 and to levy certain assessments on all lands in the district. (NRS 539.480) This bill authorizes the board of directors of an irrigation district that has entered into a contract with the United States for the purpose of complying with the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, 43 U.S.C. §§ 506 et seq., to incur an indebtedness not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$6,000,000. This bill also provides that for the purpose of calculating assessments to pay the indebtedness of the district, fractional acres may be rounded up to the nearest whole acre.	Do pass; Approved by the Governor; Chapter 33; Effective on May 6, 2015.	3/17-S; IP
37 SB476	Committee on Government Affairs Amends provisions relating to certain local districts. (BDR 49-826) WR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB476.pdf AN ACT relating to local districts; making legislative declarations; requiring the imposition of a fee on parcels in a conservation district upon voter approval; authorizing the increase, decrease or elimination of the fee upon voter approval; requiring that money collected from the fee be expended only for the purposes of the conservation district; authorizing the supervisors of a conservation district to serve ex officio as directors of a weed control district upon agreement with a board of county commissioners; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	Amend, and do pass as amended (Amend. Nos. 255, 656, & 672); Approved by the Governor; Chapter 353; This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.	3/25-W; IP

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2	SB24 Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Energy Revises provisions governing unemployment compensation. (BDR 53-383) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB24.pdf AN ACT relating to unemployment compensation; authorizing the Administrator of the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to make certain information available to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and the Director of the Department; revising the manner in which a person who has received certain benefits or money may elect a base period; revising the period within which the Administrator may recover certain overpayments; expanding the circumstances under which a person may commit unemployment insurance fraud; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	2/3-W; IP
3	SB28 Committee on Government Affairs Clarifies provisions governing the fees that may be charged for providing copies of certain public records. (BDR 19-464) O http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB28.pdf AN ACT relating to public records; authorizing a governmental entity to charge for the actual cost of time utilized by an employee when responding to a request for a public record that requires an extraordinary use of personnel; defining the term "extraordinary use of its personnel or technological resources"; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	2/10-S; IP
4	SB65 Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to the use of water. (BDR 48-366) WR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB65.pdf AN ACT relating to the use of water; revising provisions relating to the adjudication of vested water rights; revising provisions relating to applications, permits and certificates for the appropriation of public waters; revising provisions relating to underground water and wells; revising provisions relating to the planning and development of water resources; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	1/23-SA; IP

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5 SB67 F	Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy Revises provisions governing the regulation of insurance. (BDR 57-371) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB67.pdf AN ACT relating to insurance; adopting the provisions of various model laws and acts of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; revising provisions regarding the confidentiality of certain information and materials provided to the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry; revising provisions regarding the requirements for annual financial statements filed by self-insured groups for workers' compensation; revising provisions regarding licensing requirements; revising provisions regarding the cash value of policies of life insurance; allowing insurer's to issue electronic proof of insurance certificates for automobiles; revising provisions governing state-chartered risk retention groups; authorizing the Division to access certain sealed records of licensees and applicants for licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	3/2-W; IP
6 SB81 WR	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to the management and appropriation of water. (BDR 48-367) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB81.pdf This bill eliminates the classification "area of active management" and renames it "critical management area" as "active management area." Similar to the former designation of critical management area, section 3 authorizes the State Engineer to designate a basin or portion therein as an active management area if the State Engineer determines that: (1) withdrawals of groundwater exceed the perennial yield of the basin; (2) groundwater levels continue to decline; or (3) pumping of groundwater conflicts with existing water rights. Section 3 requires the State Engineer to designate any basin or portion therein as an active management area if the State Engineer receives a petition for such a designation which is signed by not less than 40 percent of the combined total of holders of adjudicated or unadjudicated claims of vested rights and permits or certificates to appropriate water and owners of domestic wells in the basin or portion therein; and to rescind the designation of a groundwater basin or portion therein as an active management area if the State Engineer determines that the designation is no longer warranted. Section 4 specifies the powers of the State Engineer in basins or portions therein that are designated as an active management area. Section 7 clarifies that the State Engineer is required to supervise all groundwater and wells, including domestic wells for which a permit is not required. Section 8 changes the signature requirement for such petitions from not less than 40 percent of the combined total of the holders of adjudicated or unadjudicated claims of vested rights and permits or certificates to appropriate water and owners of domestic wells in the basin or portion therein. Sections 7 and 8 authorize the State Engineer to also hold such a hearing at the location in closest proximity to the basin where an adequate facility exists for holding a hearing. Under existing law, the holder of a water right forfeits that right if the holder does not put the water to beneficial use within a certain period. Section 9 requires the State Engineer to consider as an additional factor in an application for an extension of time to prevent forfeiture whether the basin or portion therein where the water right is located has been designated as an active management area.	DEAD	1/23-SA; IP
7 SB108 PW	Settelmeyer Revises provisions relating to public works projects. (BDR 28-598) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB108.pdf Existing law sets forth general provisions applicable to public works for which the cost is in excess of \$100,000, including provisions requiring: (1) reports by the public body undertaking the public work to the Labor Commissioner; (2) enforcement of certain provisions regarding public works contracts by the Labor Commissioner, with prosecution of any violations by the Attorney General; (3) the payment of prevailing wages to employees on the public work; and (4) the advertisement in certain publications for bids on the public work. The prevailing wage requirements and certain reporting requirements also apply to a redevelopment project if a redevelopment agency provides financial incentives to the developer with a value of more than \$100,000. Existing law also sets forth certain provisions applicable to public works for which the cost is less than \$100,000, including a provision requiring a preference in bidding for certain businesses owned by a veteran with a service-connected disability, and provisions authorizing a state or local government to: (1) perform the work itself; or (2) solicit bids from three licensed contractors if the estimated cost of the public work is more than \$25,000 but not more than \$100,000, or solicit bids from at least one licensed contractor if the estimated cost of the public work is \$25,000 or less. This bill changes the \$100,000 threshold to \$1,000,000, and in several sections, a technical correction is made clarifying that if the relevant work will cost exactly \$1,000,000, the requirements for those public works estimated to cost in excess of \$1,000,000 will apply.	DEAD	2/2-S; IP

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	9 SB164 Senators Parks, Spearman, Woodhouse, Manendo, Atkinson, Ford, and Kihuen; Assemblymen Elliot Anderson, Swank, Carrillo, Araujo, and Thompson Revises provisions prohibiting certain discriminatory acts. (BDR 18-59) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB164.pdf This bill adds "gender identity or expression" and "sexual orientation" to various provisions of existing law that prohibit discrimination, thus expanding the bases upon which discrimination is impermissible. Section 13 of this bill specifically adds "gender identity or expression" to the list of attributes upon which the murder of a person in the first degree may be aggravated. Sections 5 and 6 of this bill define the terms "gender identity or expression" and "sexual orientation" for use throughout the entirety of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). Sections 1, 7, 12, 14, 18, 23, 29, 34-36, 38 and 40 of this bill delete definitions for those terms from existing sections of NRS, without changing their meanings, to avoid repeating the definitions in multiple locations.	DEAD	2/18-W; IP
10	SB167 Roberson, Brower, Hammond, Harris, Lipparelli, and Kieckhefer Revises provisions relating to employment. (BDR 18-265) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB167.pdf AN ACT relating to employment; revising provisions governing the filing of complaints of employment discrimination with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission; revising the relief that the Commission may order if it determines that an unlawful practice has occurred; providing that it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer, employment agency or labor organization to discriminate against a person for inquiring about, discussing or disclosing information about wages in certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to the time in which an employee may seek relief in district court for a claim of unlawful employment practices; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	2/18-W; IP
11	SB168 Senators Settlemeyer, Goicoechea, Gustavson, and Lipparelli; Assemblymen Kirner, O'Neill, Trowbridge, and Wheeler Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local government employers. (BDR 23-602) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB168.pdf Existing law establishes certain mandatory subjects of bargaining in the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement between a local government employer and a recognized employee organization. Among these mandatory subjects is a requirement that the parties bargain over procedures and requirements for the reopening and renegotiation of the agreement during periods of fiscal emergency. Currently, the existence of such an emergency is determined on the basis of revenue shortfalls or other criteria agreed to by the parties. Section 1 of this bill authorizes a local government to reopen a collective bargaining agreement during a fiscal emergency and sets forth the circumstances under which such an emergency shall be deemed to exist. The procedural requirements relating to the reopening of the agreement remain a mandatory subject of bargaining. Existing law provides for the resolution of an impasse in collective bargaining through fact-finding, arbitration or both, but imposes limitations on the money that a fact finder or arbitrator may consider in determining the financial ability of a local government employer to pay compensation or monetary benefits. Section 2 of this bill provides, for certain governmental funds, that a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 25 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, is not subject to negotiation and cannot be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining ability to pay.	DEAD	2/18-W; IP

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13	SB190 SENATORS SPEARMAN, SEGERBLOM, WOODHOUSE, KIHUEN, FORD; ATKINSON, DENIS, MANENDO AND PARKS Revises provisions relating to employment. (BDR 18-785) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB190.pdf AN ACT relating to employment; making it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, employment agency or labor organization to discriminate against a person for inquiring about, discussing or disclosing information about wages in certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to unlawful employment practices; revising provisions governing the filing of complaints of employment discrimination with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission; revising the relief that the Commission may order if it determines that an unlawful employment practice has occurred; revising provisions relating to the time in which an employee may seek relief in district court for a claim of unlawful employment practices; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	3/13-W; IP
14	SB193 Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy Revises provisions governing compensation for overtime. (BDR 53-989) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB193.pdf The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 requires that compensation for overtime be paid to certain employees for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in any week of work. Under existing Nevada law, certain employees, including certain classified employees of this State, certain employees of contractors working on public works projects and certain other employees of private employers, are entitled to compensation for overtime at a rate of 1 1/2 times an employee's regular wage rate for any hours worked in excess of 8 hours in any workday or in excess of 40 hours in any week of work. This bill removes the provisions which require payment of compensation for overtime for hours worked in excess of 8 hours in any workday, while retaining the provisions which require payment of compensation for overtime for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in any week of work.	DEAD	3/17-S, W; IP

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	16 SB233 Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy Revises provisions relating to occupational safety. (BDR 53-990) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB233.pdf Existing law requires each construction worker and supervisory employee to obtain, within 15 days after the date he or she is hired, a completion card for taking a course in construction industry safety and health hazard recognition which is: (1) developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor; and (2) approved by the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry. Each completion card obtained by a construction worker or supervisory employee expires 5 years after the date it is issued and may be renewed by: (1) completing another such course in construction industry safety and health hazard recognition within the previous 5 years; or (2) completing certain requirements for continuing education within that period. (NRS 618.983) This bill provides that each completion card obtained by a construction worker or supervisory employee expires 10 years after the date it is issued and may be renewed by completing another such course or completing those requirements for continuing education within the previous 10 years.	DEAD	3/13-W; IP
	17 SB254 Farley, Hardy, Harris, and Settlemeyer Revises provisions relating to public works. (BDR 28-791) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB254.pdf AN ACT relating to public works; amending the definition of the term "public work" as it relates to buildings of the Nevada System of Higher Education; amending the amount of retainage authorized on public works and certain other works; extending existing provisions related to retainage; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	3/13-W; IP

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	19 SB308 Roberson Provides funding for certain public works projects. (BDR S-764) PW http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB308.pdf AN ACT relating to public works; making an appropriation to the State Public Works Board to fund certain public works projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto	DEAD	3/19-N; IP
	20 SB326 Farley, and Goicoechea Revises provisions relating to public works. (BDR 28-792) HR http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB326.pdf Existing law provides that skilled mechanics and workers employed on certain public works must be paid overtime wages for hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a week or hours in excess of 8 hours in a day, unless the mechanic or worker, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or a mutual agreement with the contractor or subcontractor employing the mechanic or worker, works a modified schedule of 10 hours per day, 4 calendar days per week. Section 1 of this bill revises the provisions governing the circumstances under which such a modified schedule may be worked.	DEAD	3/17- W; IP

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21	SB356 Senators Smith, Parks, Woodhouse, Kihuen, Ford, Atkinson, Denis, Manendo, and Spearman; Assemblymen Sprinkle, Carrillo, Araujo, Joiner, and Spiegel Revises provisions governing the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-1092) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB356.pdf Under existing law, the official correspondence and records, other than the files of individual members or retired employees, of the Public Employees' Retirement System are required to be available for public inspection. Section 1 of this bill provides that any record or file, and information contained therein, related to an individual member, retired employee or beneficiary is confidential and is not a public book or record. Section 1 also provides that the compilation by the System of information contained in the records or files related to a member, retired employee or beneficiary into a report or publication does not make the information contained in the records or files a public record.	DEAD	3/18-N; IP
22	SB371 Senators Atkinson, Ford, Kihuen, Spearman, Parks, Denis, Manendo, and Woodhouse; Assemblymen Thompson, Kirkpatrick, and Neal Revises provisions governing the use of apprentices on public works. (BDR 53-671) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB371.pdf AN ACT relating to apprentices; requiring the State Apprenticeship Council to approve or deny certain written requests submitted by a public body concerning the required use of an apprentice on a public work; authorizing the Council to suspend the right of a contractor on a public work to participate in a program of apprenticeship under certain circumstances; requiring a public body that awards a contract for a public work to ensure an apprentice performs a certain percentage of the total hours of labor on the public work; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.	DEAD	3/17-W; IP
23	SB392 Kieckhefer Revises provisions relating to prevailing wage. (BDR 28-828) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB392.pdf Existing law provides that contracts for public works which cost \$100,000 or more must pay mechanics and workers the wage then prevailing in the county in which the public work is located. (NRS 338.020, 338.080) Section 4 of this bill increases the threshold cost of such a public work to \$1,000,000 or more which must be adjusted by the Labor Commissioner for inflation every 5 years beginning on January 1, 2020. Existing law provides that the prevailing wage must be determined by the Labor Commissioner by conducting a survey. Section 2 of this bill revises the manner in which the survey is conducted by excluding workers who are being paid prevailing wage when calculating the prevailing wage. Section 1 of this bill provides for a set portion of the calculated prevailing wage which may be used for fringe benefits. Section 3 of this bill provides that any claim or complaint regarding the wages paid to a worker employed on the public work must be made solely by the worker. Existing law requires a public body to advertise a request for bids on a public work, and to accept the lowest bid. Sections 5 and 7 of this bill require a public body or local government, as applicable, that is accepting bids for a public work to hold a public pre-bid meeting. Sections 6 and 8 of this bill require a public body or local government, as applicable, to rank bids using certain criteria and to interview the top ranked bids to determine the best value bid.	DEAD	3/19-SA; IP

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24 SB423 F	Committee on Finance Makes an appropriation for the awarding of grants to support certain cloud seeding operations. (BDR S-483) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB423.pdf This bill makes an appropriation of \$500,000 to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to award grants to support cloud seeding operations which are intended to increase the supply of water in Nevada.	DEAD	3/25-S; IP
25 SB485 WR	Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-708) http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB485.pdf Under existing law, water rights for surface water, artesian groundwater and percolating groundwater that were initiated by applying water to beneficial use before the statutes regulating those water sources were enacted by the Nevada Legislature in 1905, 1913 and 1939, respectively, are known as vested water rights. Existing law provides a procedure for determining the extent of all vested water rights on a water source, which is called an adjudication. As part of that procedure, claimants of vested rights are required to file proofs of appropriation with the State Engineer, which is known in existing law as the procedure of taking proofs. Section 1 of this bill requires any claimant of a pre-statutory water right to submit proof of the claim to the State Engineer on or before December 31, 2025, regardless of whether an adjudication has been ordered for a water source. If a claimant fails to submit such proof, the claim is deemed to be extinguished. Section 1 requires the State Engineer to provide notice of this requirement in various manners during the 10-year period before the deadline. Sections 2 and 5-8 of this bill conform provisions in existing law governing the procedure of the State Engineer taking proofs to reflect the submission of any proofs pursuant to section 1 to the State Engineer before an adjudication has been ordered. Sections 3, 4, 9 and 11 of this bill eliminate the procedure of the State Engineer taking proofs in an adjudication on and after January 1, 2026, because section 1 requires proofs of all pre-statutory water rights to be on file with the State Engineer by December 31, 2025, or such claims are extinguished.	DEAD	3/25-W; IP