

## Western Regional Water Commission

**DATE:** February 13, 2013  
**TO:** Legislative Subcommittee, Western Regional Water Commission  
**FROM:** John Rhodes, Legal Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 2013 Nevada Legislature that may affect the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") / Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC")

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The following staff report lists Bill Draft Requests ("BDR's") and Bills pending in the 2013 Nevada Legislature, as of February 13, 2013, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. No additional language is available for the BDR's at this time. Pending Bills are noted with an Assembly ("AB") or Senate ("SB") designation, and the complete language of each Bill is available by clicking on the corresponding link contained in the electronic version of this report. WRWC staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee will track these BDR's and Bills, recommend positions to be taken, and provide periodic updates to the WRWC/NNWPC.

### Bill Drafts Requested

#### Water Issues

- 126 **Assemblywoman Carlton**  
Revises provisions relating to wastewater (6/27/12)
- 17--144 **Legislative committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission (SB 487,2007)**  
Provides for an ongoing study of water issues in Nevada (6/28/12)
- 439 **Assemblywoman Carlton**  
Provides for the development of a statewide water plan (9/4/12)
- 442 **Assembly Goicoechea**  
Makes appropriation to the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority for cloud seeding project (9/4/12)
- 58--481 **Senator Roberson**  
Provides for oversight and transparency of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (9/4/12)
- 48--543 **Assemblyman Goicoechea**  
**Joint Requester: Assemblyman Ellison**  
Revises provisions governing the transfer of water rights. (10/30/12)
- 48--565 **Assemblyman Wheeler**  
Enacts the Municipal Water Users Equity Act of 2013. (11/14/12)

48-631 **Senator Goicoechea**  
Includes participation by local governments in monitoring, management and mitigation of water resources (12/3/12)

763 **Assemblyman Bobzien**  
Revises provisions governing the waters of this State (12/10/12)

807 **Assemblyman Oscarson**  
Directs the Legislative committee on Public Lands to study and make recommendations on alternative water sources for Nevada communities during the 2013-2014 interim. (12/10/12)

864 **Senator Settlemeyer**  
Revises provisions relating to water (12/10/12)

### Open Meeting Issues

17-49 **Assemblyman Hickey**  
Revises provisions governing the applicability of the Open Meeting Law to the Legislature (3/26/12)

19-402 **Attorney General**  
**AB65** Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law (8/31/12)

730 **Assemblywoman Spiegel**  
Revises provisions relating to public notices (12/10/12)

### Contracts and Ethics Issues

85 **Assembly Ellison**  
Revises provisions governing contracts for services entered into by certain public employers (6/21/12)

19-159 **Assemblyman Hansen**  
Requires contact information for members of state and local committees to be provided to the public upon request (7/25/12)

23--445 **Senator Parks**  
Revises provisions relating to ethics in government (9/4/12)

103 **Senator Hardy**  
Makes various changes concerning ethics in government. (6/26/12)

111 **Assemblyman Conklin**  
Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (6/26/11)

**815 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections**

Makes various changes relating to ethics in government (12/10/12)

**769 Senator Spearman**

Revises provisions relating to the use of technology by public agencies (12/10/12)

**812 Assemblyman Healey**

Revises provisions governing the membership of certain regional boards (12/10/12)

**Public Records Issues**

**185 Assembly Atkinson**

Revises provisions governing public records (8/17/12)

**19—211 Attorney General**

**AB31** Revises provisions governing public records requests. (8/30/12)

**19--248 Assemblyman Grady**

Revises provisions governing public records. (8/30/12)

**40-832 Senator Hardy**

**SB116** Makes various changes relating to public records (12/10/12)

**19-603 Senator Segerblom**

**SB74** Revises provisions relating to public records (11/28/12)

**19-259 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities**

**AB4** Revises provisions governing publication of informational reports, duplicative information and notices required to be mailed (8/30/13)

**Other Issues of Interest**

**20-174 Nevada Association of Counties**

**SB2** Revises provisions governing powers of local governments (8/10/12)