

Western Regional Water Commission

DATE: March 6, 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")

The following staff report lists Bill Draft Requests ("BDR's") and Bills pending in the 2013 Nevada Legislature, as of March 6, 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.

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Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced

Water Issues

126 Assemblywoman Carlton Revises provisions relating to wastewater (6/27/12)	Subcommittee Position
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) Please click the following link to view a recent report entitled: 13-09 Legislative Committee to Oversee the Western Regional Water Commission	Subcommittee Position
439 Assemblywoman Carlton Provides for the development of a statewide water plan (9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
442 Assembly Goicoechea Makes appropriation to the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority for cloud seeding project (9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
58--481 Senator Roberson Provides for oversight and transparency of the Southern Nevada Water Authority (9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
48--543 Assemblyman Goicoechea Joint Requester: Assemblyman Ellison Revises provisions governing the transfer of water rights. (10/30/12)	Subcommittee Position
AB157 Assemblyman Wheeler Enacts the Municipal Water Users Equity Act of 2013. Revises provisions relating to water furnished by a municipal water system for domestic use in certain counties. (BDR 48-565, 11/14/12)	Subcommittee Position Watch

SB133 Senator Goicoechea

Includes participation by local governments in monitoring, management and mitigation of water resources. Requires the State Engineer to allow a county to participate in the development and implementation of a plan relating to the appropriation of water for beneficial use under certain circumstances. (BDR 48-631, 12/3/12)

Subcommittee Position
Watch

48--763 Assemblyman Bobzien

Revises provisions governing the waters of this State (12/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

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)

Subcommittee Position

48-- 864 Senator Settlemeyer

Revises provisions relating to water (12/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

Open Meeting Issues

AB118 Assemblyman Hickey

Revises provisions governing the applicability of the Open Meeting Law to the Legislature
Establishes the Legislative Open Meeting Law.
(BDR 17-49, 3/26/12)

Subcommittee Position
Watch

AB65 Attorney General

Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law (BDR 19-402, 8/31/12)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral

730 Assemblywoman Spiegel

Revises provisions relating to public notices (12/10/12)

Subcommittee Position

Ethics and Contracts Issues

103 Senator Hardy Makes various changes concerning ethics in government. (6/26/12)	Subcommittee Position
111 Assemblyman Conklin Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (6/26/11)	Subcommittee Position
23--445 Senator Parks Revises provisions relating to ethics in government (9/4/12)	Subcommittee Position
815 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Makes various changes relating to ethics in government (12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position
23--988 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (2/8/13)	Subcommittee Position
17--1027 Assemblywoman Spiegel Enacts the Lobbyist Code of Ethics (2/11/13)	Subcommittee Position
85 Assembly Ellison Revises provisions governing contracts for services entered into by certain public employers (6/21/12)	Subcommittee Position
19--769 Senator Spearman Revises provisions relating to the use of technology by public agencies (12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position
812 Assemblyman Healey Revises provisions governing the membership of certain regional boards (12/10/12)	Subcommittee Position

Public Records Issues

185 Assembly Atkinson Revises provisions governing public records (8/17/12)	Subcommittee Position
AB31 Attorney General Revises provisions governing public records requests. (BDR 19-211, 8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position Neutral
19--248 Assemblyman Grady Revises provisions governing public records. (8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position
SB74 Senator Segerblom Revises provisions relating to public records. (BDR 19-603, 11/28/12)	Subcommittee Position Not support, as written
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)	Subcommittee Position
AB4 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities Revises provisions governing publication of informational reports, duplicative information and notices required to be mailed. Revises certain provisions governing public records and legal notices. (BDR 19-259, 8/30/12)	Subcommittee Position Watch

Other Issues of Interest

SB2 Nevada Association of Counties Revises provisions governing powers of local governments Grants power to local governments to perform certain acts or duties which are not prohibited or limited by statute. (BDR 20-174, 8/10/12)	Subcommittee Position Neutral
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