

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

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TO: Legislative Subcommittee, Western Regional Water Commission

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SUBJECT: Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests ("BDR's") and Bills pending in the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature, as February 6, 2015, that may affect or are of interest to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") / Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC")

The following staff report lists BDR's and Bills pending in the 2015 Nevada Legislature 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 Bills, recommend positions to be taken, and provided periodic updates to the WRWC and NNWPC.

Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced**Water Issues****BDR / Requestor, or
Bill / Requestor**

48-253 Assemblyman Ohrenschall	Revises provisions relating to water resources. (7/31/14)	Subcommittee Position
	Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources	Subcommittee Position
SB65	Makes various changes relating to the adjudication of vested water rights, appropriation of public waters, underground water and wells and planning and development of water resources. (BDR48-366, 8/1/14)	
	Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources	Subcommittee Position
SB81	Revises provisions governing groundwater management plans and critical management areas. (BDR48-367, 8/1/14)	
481	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510) Creates a statewide committee to study present and future supplies of water and allocation levels in Nevada. (9/1/14)	Subcommittee Position
708	Senate Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to water.(12/9/14)	Subcommittee Position
804	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services Provides for the collection and application of graywater for a single-family residence. (12/10/14)	Subcommittee Position
805	Assemblyman Oscarson Requires the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct a study concerning water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada communities.(12/10/14)	Subcommittee Position
928	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Revises provisions governing the definition of "farm" for purposes of availability of water. (12/10/14)	Subcommittee Position
483	Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510) Requests appropriation for a grant to support cloud seeding activities in Nevada. (9/1/14)	Subcommittee Position

Open Meeting Issues

931 Assemblywoman Titus

Makes various changes relating to the Open Meeting Law. (12/10/14)

Subcommittee Position

Ethics Issues

23-19 Senator Smith

Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (10/16/13)

Subcommittee Position

123 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

Makes various changes regarding transparency and ethics in government.(6/24/14)

Subcommittee Position

Ethics, Commission on

AB60 Revises provisions of the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. (BRD23-309, 8/1/14)

Subcommittee Position

Public Records Issues

19-157 Attorney General

Revises provisions governing public records. (7/7/14)

Subcommittee Position

Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities

SB28 Clarifies provisions governing the fees that may be charged for providing copies of public records.
(BRD19-464,8/29/14)

Subcommittee Position

Other Issues of Interest

Senator Goicoechea

Subcommittee Position

SB11 Grants power to local governments to perform certain acts or duties which are not prohibited or limited by statute. (BRD20-284, 8/1/14)

Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities

Subcommittee Position

AB19 Revises provisions governing timing of adoption of tentative budgets by local governments. (8/28/14)

43-669 Senator Atkinson

Subcommittee Position

Provides for a program of matching grants to local governments for the maintenance and repair of public works. (12/8/14)

810 Assemblywoman Woodbury

Subcommittee Position

Makes various changes relating to local governments. (12/10/14)