

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 27, 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. The dates following the BDR number in parentheses on all Bills indicate the date the Bill was introduced. WRWC staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee will track these Bills, recommend positions to be taken, and provide periodic updates to the WRWC and NNWPC.

Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced

Water Issues

BDR / Requestor, or Bill / Requestor	Subcommittee Position
48-253 Assemblyman Ohrenschall Revises provisions relating to water resources. (7/31/14)	Watch
SB65 Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources 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. (BDR 48-366, 12/20/14)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB81 Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources Revises provisions governing groundwater management plans and critical management areas. (BDR 48-367, 12/20/14)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
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 Watch
708 Senate Committee on Government Affairs Revises provisions relating to water.(12/9/14)	Subcommittee Position Watch
AB169 Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services Provides for the collection and application of graywater for a single-family residence. (BDR 40-804, 2/17/15)	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
48-253 Assemblyman Ohrenschall Revises provisions relating to water resources. (7/31/14)	Subcommittee Position Watch
AB 198 Assemblyman Oscarson Requires the Legislative Committee on Public Lands to conduct a study concerning water conservation and alternative sources of water for Nevada communities.(BDR S-805, 2/26/15)	Subcommittee Position Watch

928 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining Subcommittee Position
Revises provisions governing the definition of "farm" for purposes of availability of water. Watch
(12/10/14)

483 Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510) Subcommittee Position
Requests appropriation for a grant to support cloud seeding activities in Nevada. (9/1/14) Watch

Open Meeting Issues

931 Assemblywoman Titus Subcommittee Position
Makes various changes relating to the Open Meeting Law. (12/10/14) Watch

SB70 Attorney General Subcommittee Position
Revises provisions governing meetings of public bodies. (BDR 19-155, 12/20/14) Neutral / Watch

Ethics Issues

23-19 Senator Smith Subcommittee Position
Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (10/16/13) Watch

123 Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections Subcommittee Position
Makes various changes regarding transparency and ethics in government.(6/24/14) Watch

AB60 Ethics, Commission on Subcommittee Position
Revises provisions of the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. (BDR 23-309, 12/20/14) Neutral / Watch

Public Records Issues

- 19-157 **Attorney General** Subcommittee Position
Revises provisions governing public records. (7/7/14) Watch
- SB28 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities** Subcommittee Position
Clarifies provisions governing the fees that may be charged for providing copies of public Neutral / Watch
records.
(BDR 19-464,12/20/14)

Other Issues of Interest

- SB11 Senator Goicoechea** Subcommittee Position
Grants power to local governments to perform certain acts or duties which are not prohibited or Neutral / Watch
limited by statute. (BDR 20-284, 12/20/14)
- AB19 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities** Subcommittee Position
Revises provisions governing timing of adoption of tentative budgets by local governments. Neutral / Watch
(BDR 31-456, 12/20/14)
- SB149 Senator Atkinson** Subcommittee Position
Provides for a program of matching grants to local governments for the maintenance and repair Neutral / Watch
of public works. (BDR 43-669, 2/12/15)
- SB157 Senate Committee on Government Affairs** Subcommittee Position
Requires coordination between state and local government agencies. (BDR 22-706, 2/16/15) Neutral / Watch
- S-730 **Senator Hardy** Watch
Revises provisions relating to local governmental entities. (12/9/14)
- 810 **Assemblywoman Woodbury** Subcommittee Position
Makes various changes relating to local governments. (12/10/14) Watch