

# Western Regional Water Commission

## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** March 26, 2015  
**TO:** Legislative Subcommittee, Western Regional Water Commission  
**FROM:** John Rhodes, Legal Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests ("BDR's") and Bills pending in the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature, as March 23, 2015, that may affect or are of interest to the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC") / Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC")

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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**

<p><b>AB 347 Assemblyman Ohrenschall</b> Revises provisions relating to water resources. (BDR 48-253, 3/16/15)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>
<p><b>SB 65 Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources</b> 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)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>
<p><b>SB 81 Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources</b> Revises provisions governing groundwater management plans and critical management areas. (BDR 48-367, 12/20/14)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>
<p><b>AB 455 Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)</b> Creates a statewide committee to study present and future supplies of water and allocation levels in Nevada. (BDR S-481, 3/23/15)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>
<p><b>SB 485 Senate Committee on Government Affairs</b> Revises provisions relating to water.(BDR 48-708, 3/23/15)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>
<p><b>AB 169 Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services</b> Provides for the collection and application of graywater for a single-family residence. (BDR 40-804, 2/17/15)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>
<p><b>AB 198 Assemblyman Oscarson</b> 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)</p>	<p>Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch</p>

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| <b>AB 415 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining</b><br>Revises provisions governing the definition of "farm" for purposes of availability of water.<br>(BDR 48-928, 3/20/15) | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| <b>SB 423 Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)</b><br>Requests appropriation for a grant to support cloud seeding activities in Nevada.<br>(BDR S-483, 3/23/15)                         | Subcommittee Position<br>Support         |

**Open Meeting Issues**

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| 19-931 <b>Assemblywoman Titus</b><br>Makes various changes relating to the Open Meeting Law. (12/10/14)         | Subcommittee Position<br>Watch           |
| <b>SB 70 Attorney General</b><br>Revises provisions governing meetings of public bodies. (BDR 19-155, 12/20/14) | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |

**Ethics Issues**

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| <b>SB 380 Senator Smith</b><br>Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (BDR 23-19, 3/17/15)   | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| 123 <b>Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections</b><br>Makes various changes regarding transparency and ethics in government.(6/24/14) | Subcommittee Position<br>Watch           |
| <b>AB 60 Ethics, Commission on</b><br>Revises provisions of the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. (BDR 23-309, 12/20/14)                                  | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |

**Public Records Issues**

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| <b>19-157 Attorney General</b>                          | Revises provisions governing public records. (7/7/14)  | Subcommittee Position<br>Watch           |
| <b>SB 28 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities</b> | Clarifies provisions governing the fees that may be charged for providing copies of public records. (BDR 19-464, 12/20/14) | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| <b>AB 135 Assembly Government Affairs</b>               | Revises provisions relating to schedules for the retention and disposal of official state records. (BDR 19-547, 2/09/15)   | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |

**Other Issues of Interest**

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| <b>SB 11 Senator Goicoechea</b>                                | Grants power to local governments to perform certain acts or duties which are not prohibited or limited by statute. (BDR 20-284, 12/20/14) | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| <b><u>AB 19 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities</u></b> | Revises provisions governing timing of adoption of tentative budgets by local governments. (BDR 31-456, 12/20/14)                          | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| <b>SB 149 Senator Atkinson</b>                                 | Provides for a program of matching grants to local governments for the maintenance and repair of public works. (BDR 43-669, 2/12/15)       | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| <b><u>SB 157 Senate Committee on Government Affairs</u></b>    | Requires coordination between state and local government agencies. (BDR 22-706, 2/16/15)   | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |
| <b>AB 196 Assembly Government Affairs</b>                      | Makes various changes relating to investments of public money. (BDR 31-857, 2/26/15)   | Subcommittee Position<br>Neutral / Watch |

**S-730 Senator Hardy**

Revises provisions relating to local governmental entities. (12/9/14)

Watch

**21-810 Assemblywoman Woodbury**

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

Subcommittee Position  
Watch