

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 22, 2015
TO: Legislative Subcommittee, Western Regional Water Commission
FROM: John Rhodes, Legal Counsel
SUBJECT: Report on legislative activities, including Bills pending in the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature, as April 22, 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 Bills pending in the 2015 Nevada Legislature, as of April 22, 2015, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. 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 Bill Draft Request ("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.

Bills Introduced

Water Issues

Bill / Requestor

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| SB 65 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 -- Passed Senate 4/21, in Assembly) | Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch |
| SB 81 Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources
Revises provisions governing groundwater management plans and critical management areas. (BDR 48-367, 12/20/14 -- Exempt) | Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch |
| AB 455 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. (BDR S-481, 3/23/15 -- Exempt) | Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch |
| SB 485 Senate Committee on Government Affairs
Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-708, 3/23/15 -- Passed Senate 4/9, in Assembly) | Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch |
| AB 169 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 -- Passed Assembly 4/14, in Senate) | Subcommittee Position
Neutral / 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 Passed Assembly 3/23, in Senate) | Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch |

AB 415 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

Revises provisions governing the definition of "farm" for purposes of availability of water.
(BDR 48-928, 3/20/15 -- Passed Assembly 4/16, in Senate)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

SB 423 Legislative Committee on Public Lands (NRS 218E.510)

Requests appropriation for a grant to support cloud seeding activities in Nevada.
(BDR S-483, 3/23/15 -- Exempt)

Subcommittee Position
Support

Open Meeting Issues

SB 70 Attorney General

Revises provisions governing meetings of public bodies. (BDR 19-155, 12/20/14 -- Passed Senate 4/21, in Assembly)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

Ethics Issues

SB 380 Senator Smith

Revises provisions governing ethics in government. (BDR 23-19, 3/17/15 -- Waiver granted 4/10)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

AB 60 Ethics, Commission on

Revises provisions of the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. (BDR 23-309, 12/20/14 -- Passed Assembly 4/21, in Senate)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

Public Records Issues

AB 135 Assembly Government Affairs

Revises provisions relating to schedules for the retention and disposal of official state records.
(BDR 19-547, 2/09/15 -- Exempt)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

Other Issues of Interest

AB 19 Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities

Revises provisions governing timing of adoption of tentative budgets by local governments.
(BDR 31-456, 12/20/14 -- Passed Assembly 4/10, in Senate)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

SB 157 Senate Committee on Government Affairs

Requires coordination between state and local government agencies. (BDR 22-706, 2/16/15
Passed Senate 4/21, in Assembly)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch

AB 196 Assembly Government Affairs

Makes various changes relating to investments of public money. (BDR 31-857, 2/26/15 -- Exempt)

Subcommittee Position
Neutral / Watch