



SESSION **SPOTLIGHT**

March 18, 2017

The week began with a joint address by Congressman Mark Amodei, the first of the congressional addresses this session. He discussed current events in Congress and ended his speech with a story about the PICON (People in Charge of Nevada) Club that was started by citizens in rural Nevada. He bestowed senators, assemblymen, constitutional officers, and judges with membership and hats while reminding them that all Nevadans are eligible for the PICON Club as he left the chamber.

It was also Children's Week in the Nevada Legislature and young people filled the chambers on several days. The bills heard were also reflective of the theme including K-12 funding, children's health, and STEM education. Other events celebrated in the building included Poland Day, Canada Day, and of course, St. Patrick's Day.

Highlights from Week Five

Monday, March 13

The Assembly Committee on Education met on Monday and heard one bill, AB188 that makes changes to the Silver State Opportunity Grant. The work session for three bills was rescheduled for Wednesday due to the need to end the meeting by 4:40 p.m. to allow members to attend Congressman Amodei's address.

Tuesday, March 14

In Senate Education, the Committee discussed three bills on Tuesday, including SB241, SB247, and SB249. SB241 creates seals of STEM and STEAM, similar to the existing Nevada Seal of Bi-Literacy, that allow for students meeting these rigorous criteria to gain additional recognition for their achievements. CCSD testified in support of this bill. SB247 modifies the timelines for submitting accountability reports and for school district policies. Finally, SB249 incorporates financial literacy standards in grades 3-12 and changes the graduation requirements to include $\frac{1}{2}$ credit of American Government and $\frac{1}{2}$ credit of Economics.

Wednesday, March 15

Senate Government Affairs heard SB170 on Wednesday. This bill, sponsored by Senator Tick Segerblom, aims to revise the way in which public records requests are made and completed. Through a number of amendments discussed in the hearing, this bill lessens the amount of time given to jurisdictions to comply with a request, reduces the amount that can be charged, and may impose litigation if the records are not given within a certain time period. CCSD opposed this bill, but welcomed the opportunity to participate in a work group.

At the same time, Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services heard AB156. Sponsored by Assemblyman Yeager, this bill requires all private and public schools to obtain and use albuterol inhalers for students in certain circumstances. CCSD opposed this bill due to the high cost and concerns over qualified staff that would provide an inhaler to students. CCSD proposed a pilot to test the program in a small number of schools as well as the ability to provide the choice to purchase albuterol inhalers or a nebulizer.

Also, on Wednesday, the Assembly Committee on Education met to discuss three bills. AB127, a bill sponsored by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, requires schools to appoint an emergency manager (which CCSD already has), ensure that new buildings are built with safety in mind, and require attendance at safety conferences for the chief of police or his/her designee. CCSD supported this bill. AB202, another bill on the Silver State Opportunity Grant, was also heard. The final bill receiving its initial hearing on Wednesday was AB210, sponsored by Assemblyman Oscarson, allowing cities and counties to form Community Education Advisory Boards.

The Committee also conducted a work session for three bills including AB117, AB144, and AB221. CCSD's proposed amendment to allow the option for a school district to comply with the requirements of the bill by using a student's PSAT or ACT results to identify needs for college and career readiness was adopted. All three bills were passed by the committee and will go to the Assembly for a vote on the floor in the near future.

Thursday, March 16

On Thursday morning, the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance, Subcommittees on K-12 discussed funding for public schools including budgets for the Regional Professional Development Programs, Teach Nevada Scholarship, Teacher Reimbursement for Supplies, and other programs. To view the presentation, please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Meeting/6021?p=3000000&p=6028253>.

In Senate Education, the Committee heard SB178 on establishing a weighted funding formula in statute. This bill is a priority for the Clark County School District and the Nevada Association of School Superintendents. It continues the work that began in 2011 to change the Nevada Plan, the formula that distributes funding to schools throughout the state. The bill received broad support from the school districts, unions, and education advocates, although most agreed that additional

funding is needed for the formula to work and that the bill needs additional work to ensure that it addresses the needs of Nevada's schools.

Friday, March 17

Lots of green in the Nevada Legislature on Friday, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. While everyone looked festive, there was still a lot of work done on Friday. To see which bills were passed out of committee, see our legislation status report for the week.

Want to Learn More?

In last week's Want to Learn More? we promised to cover what happens to a bill once it is voted out of Committee; however, as most things when dealing with the Nevada Legislature, a deadline is quickly approaching so plans must change! We promise to pick up where we left off last week soon.

So, what exactly is the deadline that's on the horizon?

By looking at the 120-day Legislative Calendar (https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Docs/120-day_calendar.pdf) you can see that on March 20th (Legislative Day 43) there is a deadline called Legislator Bill Introductions. While not a deadline that will receive the most headlines, it is perhaps one of the most important we will have this legislative session. In fact, if a Legislator does not get their bill introduced by end of day on March 20th, the bill, for all intents and purposes, is dead. So you can imagine the fervent speed most legislators are working to ensure their bills are written properly and ready for committee assignment. Once the March 20th deadline passes, both the Senate and the Assembly will have introduced over 250 new bills. Floor session this coming Monday will be a sight to see.

While the March 20th deadline is the first truly significant one, you can expect several others to come and go during the 120 days. These deadlines will help shape the remainder of the session and keep the Legislature on track to finish in 120 days. The upcoming deadlines for the remainder of session are as follows:

March 27th, Committees' Bill Introductions:

- Deadline for committees to introduce legislation.

April 14th, First Committee Passage:

- Deadline for all bills (excluding those exempt from this rule) to be passed by the assigned committee.

April 25th, First House Passage:

- Deadline for all bills (excluding those exempt from this rule) to be passed by the house of origin.

May 19th, Committee Passage (Second House):

- Deadline for all bills (excluding those exempt from this rule) to be passed by the assigned committee of the second house.

May 26th, Second House Passage:

- Deadline for all bills (excluding those exempt from this rule) to be passed by the second house.

Any bill that fails to meet these deadlines, unless they are exempt, will be considered dead.

Coming Up:

Scheduled Meetings for the Week of March 20, 2017

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting Title	Next Meeting Date
SB112	Requires a course of study in health provided to pupils in certain grade levels in public schools to include certain information on organ and tissue donation. (BDRÂ 34-516)	Ratti and Kieckhefer	Senate Committee on Finance	3/20/17 8:00 AM
SB220	Requires school districts to submit to the Legislature a written report concerning the fiscal impact of collective bargaining agreements. (BDRÂ 23-618)	Kieckhefer	Senate Committee on Finance	3/20/17 8:00 AM
SB290	Prohibits certain persons from representing themselves as licensed or certified genetic counselors. (BDRÂ 54-933)	Hardy	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	3/20/17 8:00 AM
SB291	Revises provisions relating to health care records. (BDRÂ 54-350)	Hardy and Harris	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and	3/20/17 8:00 AM

			Energy	
AB276	Revises provisions relating to employment practices. (BDRÂ 53-289)	Spiegel, Joiner, Diaz and Parks	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	3/20/17 8:30 AM
AB100	Revises provisions governing contractors. (BDRÂ 54-194)	Swank	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	3/20/17 9:00 AM
AB176	Establishes certain requirements for the operation of seasonal or temporary recreation programs. (BDRÂ 38-702)	Frierson	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	3/20/17 1:00 PM
SB26	Makes certain changes concerning governmental entities that contract with or invest in companies that boycott Israel. (BDRÂ 27-418)	Government Affairs	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	3/20/17 1:00 PM
SB246	Revises provisions relating to public works. (BDRÂ 28-667)	Manendo	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	3/20/17 1:00 PM
AB77	Revises provisions related to teachers and other educational personnel. (BDRÂ 34-253)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	3/20/17 3:15 PM
AB273	Requires certain school districts to collect and report the height and weight of certain pupils. (BDRÂ 34-353)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	3/20/17 3:15 PM
SB117	Revises provisions relating to election accessibility. (BDRÂ 24-547)	Settelmeyer, Roberson, Kieckhefer, Harris and Gansert	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	3/20/17 3:30 PM
SB108	Revises requirements for the instruction in American government that is taught to pupils in public high schools. (BDRÂ 34-523)	Education	Senate Committee on Education	3/21/17 3:30 PM

SB225	Revises provisions relating to bullying and cyber-bullying. (BDRÂ 34-753)	Parks, Woodhouse, Cancela, Spearman, Spiegel, Bilbray-Axelrod and Ohrenschall	Senate Committee on Education	3/21/17 3:30 PM
SB286	Revises provisions governing the regulation of applied behavior analysis. (BDRÂ 39-633)	Gansert, Ford and Parks	Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy	3/22/17 8:00 AM
SB176	Revises provisions relating to public safety. (BDRÂ 23-666)	Ford, Atkinson, Spearman, Frierson, Neal and Thompson	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	3/22/17 1:00 PM
AB78	Revises provisions relating to the establishment of charter schools. (BDRÂ 34-343)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	3/22/17 3:15 PM
AB124	Requires the Department of Education to establish a code of conduct governing interpersonal interactions and certain communications by teachers, administrators and other employees with pupils. (BDRÂ 34-296)	Diaz	Assembly Committee on Education	3/22/17 3:15 PM
AB139	Provides for the voluntary establishment of a program of dual language immersion in certain public elementary schools. (BDRÂ 34-442)	Education	Assembly Committee on Education	3/22/17 3:15 PM
AB182	Revises provisions governing the education of pupils with disabilities. (BDRÂ 34-490)	Oscarson	Assembly Committee on Education	3/22/17 3:15 PM
AB186	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDRÂ 34-868)	Diaz	Assembly Committee on Education	3/22/17 3:15 PM
AB99	Revises provisions relating to services for children. (BDRÂ 38-144)	Araujo	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	3/22/17 3:30 PM
AJR2	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require the recognition of	Araujo and Parks	Senate Committee	3/22/17 3:30 PM

	all marriages regardless of gender. (BDRÂ C-690)		on Legislative Operations and Elections	
SB257	Revises provisions relating to the welfare of children. (BDRÂ 38-662)	Farley, Cannizzaro, Spearman, Ratti and Ford	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	3/22/17 3:30 PM

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