



## May 6, 2017

The Economic Forum met this past Monday and projected an additional \$95.7M in revenue for the state over the next biennium as well as an additional \$44M for the current fiscal period. Shortly after the Forum's announcement, Governor Sandoval stated that he "would like to see a majority of this new revenue go directly to education, specifically to students in K-12" which is applauded by education advocates.

In response, Superintendent Skorkowsky released the following statement: "Since Governor Sandoval took office in 2011, he has been an advocate for K-12 education. He and the Legislature helped us improve student achievement through efforts they created, like ZOOM Schools and Victory Schools."

As we enter the last 30 days of the legislative session, there are a number of issues left to resolve. Toward the end of the week, the Governor let his resolve on Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) be known, a position shared by the Republican caucuses in both houses. Additionally, there are many bills still to be heard and passed by the money committees in their house of origin. And let's not forget the state budget. There is much work to do and the time is ticking.

## Highlights from Week Thirteen

### Monday, May 1

On Monday, the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means began hearings on the over 100 bills on their docket. Amongst the 20 bills on the agenda, the Committee heard several bills on our tracking list including AB110 (competency-based education), AB144 (mentoring), AB156 (albuterol inhalers), and AB362 (education personnel). The agenda also included AB348 (sex education), however, this item was moved to a future agenda (May 8). CCSD supported AB110, AB144, and AB362 but testified in opposition to AB156 because it is an unfunded mandate that will cost the District more than \$125,000 per year.

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services had a hearing on AB236. This bill requires the District and the Department of Family Services to create an MOU to share electronic educational records of students in foster care. The District worked on amending this bill and supports it in its current form.

The Assembly Committee on Education heard three bills on Monday including SB86 (cursive handwriting), SB164 (leasing school buses), and SB241 (STEM/STEAM seal). These bills are all permissive.

### **Tuesday, May 2**

The Senate Committee on Education held hearings on three bills including AB64 (special education diploma), AB77 (teacher licensure) and AB117 (student academic plans). CCSD supported all three bills during the committee hearing.

Senate Finance began evening hearings this week, in addition to their morning schedule, to address the nearly 100 bills on their list. Amongst those heard on Tuesday, the Committee addressed SB212, the bill that creates a hotline for bullying and emergencies in schools.

### **Wednesday, May 3**

Wednesday's agenda for the Assembly Committee on Education included five bills, SB20, SB108, SB247, SB252, and SB322. CCSD presented SB20, a bill that changes the licensure requirements for Nevada law and Nevada Constitution to topics that must be covered in training during a teacher's first year of employment.

The Nevada Youth Legislature presented SB108, a bill that requires the Nevada State Board of Education to study how to implement statewide standards for criminal law in high school. There was unanimous support by the education community for this bill.

SB247, which makes changes to various requirements recommended by school districts and other education organizations in the interim, was presented by Senator Becky Harris, the Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee on Education.

Senator Denis presented SB322, a bill that requires all students to take and pass a civics exam similar to the one given for naturalization into the United States. While the test is mandatory, the bill gives flexibility to schools on when the test is to be taken, the cut score of the exam, and provides waivers for students under certain circumstances. CCSD worked with the bill sponsor on an amendment on the Assembly side to remove the test as another requirement for graduation.

### **Thursday, May 4**

Thursday's Senate Committee on Education was scheduled to hear AB188, AB212, AB292, AB312, and AB320, but due to the length of the hearing on AB320, three bills (AB212, AB292, and AB312) were moved to a future agenda. Teachers and education representatives turned out in droves to support AB320, Speaker Frierson's bill that changes the Nevada Educator Performance Framework to include 20% student achievement data determined at the local level. The bill removes the current requirement to include state required test data at the

recommendation of the Teachers and Leaders Council. The Committee also held a work session and passed AB64, AB221, and AB482.

On Thursday, the Senate Committee on Finance met and heard SB213, sponsored by Senator Gansert, which makes changes to compliance measures for special education as well as a new requirement for paraprofessionals to be fingerprinted every five years of employment. CCSD testified in support of this bill.

### **Friday, May 5**

The Assembly Judiciary Committee heard SB287, Senator Gansert’s bill to end the cycle of “passing the trash” referring to employees who commit acts of sexual abuse. CCSD’s regulation 5152 on child abuse was provided as a model policy for the committee to consider. This regulation was rewritten in 2014 to require all employees to report the abuse or neglect of a child and outlines requirements for notifying Child Protective Services, school police, and other school personnel. The bill requires a substantiated report of abuse to be forwarded to the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child which agencies will be able to access during the employment process. CCSD testified in support of the bill.

## **Want to Learn More?**

Public comment is on every agenda for each hearing during the 120-day session. And, while it’s the most consistent thing on an agenda, it’s often the least used. However, public comment can be an affective tool to notify legislators of important issues on the horizon, or interesting activities going on in your community or school.

The Clark County School District often uses public comment to share positive stories happening around the district. In what has become known as CCSD’s “Good News Minute,” representatives of the district take the time to briefly tell the committee about various awards, events, and activities happening in Southern Nevada schools. The “Good News Minute” has slowly become a staple in each meeting and is looked upon fondly by many of those serving on the Assembly and Senate Education Committees.

## **Coming Up:**

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting	Date
AB49	Makes various changes relating to charter schools. (BDR 34-255)	Education	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/8/17 8:00 AM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting	Date
AB124	Requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to establish the Nevada Model Code of Educator Ethics governing interpersonal interactions and certain communications by teachers, administrators and other employees with pupils. (BDR 34-296)	Diaz	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/8/17 8:00 AM
AB348	Revises provisions governing courses of instruction in sex education. (BDR 34-285)	Joiner	Assembly Committee on Ways and Means	5/8/17 8:00 AM
AB277	Revises provisions governing land use planning. (BDR 22-954)	Yeager, Frierson, Ohrenschall, Watkins, Oscarson, Segerblom, Parks, Cancela and Harris	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/8/17 1:00 PM
AB393	Sets forth legislative findings and declarations concerning certain changes in zoning and development standards. (BDR S-1157)	Ohrenschall, Carlton, Carrillo, Edwards and Manendo	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/8/17 1:00 PM
SB165	Makes various changes concerning the prevention and treatment of obesity. (BDR 40-791)	Denis	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services	5/8/17 1:00 PM
SB150	Revises provisions related to energy efficiency programs. (BDR 58-568)	Spearman	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor	5/8/17 1:30 PM
SB107	Authorizes ethnic and diversity studies in public high schools. (BDR 34-116)	Segerblom	Assembly Committee on Education	5/8/17 3:15 PM

Bill #	Description	Sponsors	Next Meeting	Date
SB369	Revises provisions relating to public schools. (BDR 34-971)	Ford, Woodhouse, Spearman, Denis and Segerblom	Assembly Committee on Education	5/8/17 3:15 PM
SB420	Revises provisions governing pupil publications in public schools and student publications in the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-776)	Cannizzaro	Assembly Committee on Education	5/8/17 3:15 PM
AB390	Makes various changes to state governmental administration. (BDR 23-102)	Elliot Anderson and Woodhouse	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/8/17 3:30 PM
AB403	Revises various provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 18-573)	Daly, Frierson, Diaz, Benitez-Thompson and Araujo	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/8/17 3:30 PM
SB40	Revises provisions relating to the registration of child custody determinations from outside Nevada. (BDR 11-401)	Judiciary	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	5/9/17 8:00 AM
SB115	Revises provisions concerning the prohibition against carrying or possessing certain weapons while on certain property. (BDR 15-279)	Denis and Bilbray-Axelrod	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	5/9/17 8:00 AM
AB485	Makes various changes relating to school buses. (BDR 43-36)	Transportation	Senate Committee on Transportation	5/9/17 8:30 AM
SB356	Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-1132)	Atkinson, Segerblom, Denis, Spearman and Parks	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	5/9/17 8:30 AM

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SB357	Revises provisions governing the use of apprentices on public works. (BDR 28-534)	Atkinson, Segerblom, Spearman, Denis and Parks	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	5/9/17 8:30 AM
SB493	Revises provisions concerning the participation of certain school administrators in collective bargaining. (BDR 23-1081)	Parks, Ford, Segerblom and Woodhouse	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	5/9/17 8:30 AM
SB117	Revises provisions relating to election accessibility. (BDR 24-547)	Settelmeyer, Roberson, Kieckhefer, Harris and Gansert	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/9/17 1:30 PM
AB170	Revises the requirement for the Office of Economic Development to submit quarterly reports relating to certain economic development incentives. (BDR 32-302)	Hansen	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	5/9/17 3:30 PM
AB196	Provides for an endorsement that a teacher, administrator or other educational personnel may obtain in cultural competency. (BDR 34-659)	McCurdy II, Diaz, Thompson, Flores and Ratti	Senate Committee on Education	5/9/17 3:30 PM
AB202	Requires an interim study concerning the cost and affordability of higher education in this State. (BDR S-722)	Joiner	Senate Committee on Education	5/9/17 3:30 PM
AB275	Requires the establishment of a statewide framework for providing integrated student supports for certain pupils and their families. (BDR 34-920)	Spiegel, Diaz, Parks and Manendo	Senate Committee on Education	5/9/17 3:30 PM

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AB400	Revises provisions relating to instructional materials. (BDR 34-446)	Neal	Senate Committee on Education	5/9/17 3:30 PM
SB487	Imposes an excise tax on sales of marijuana and related products by a retail marijuana store. (BDR 32-818)	Revenue and Economic Development	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	5/9/17 3:30 PM
SB469	Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local government employers. (BDR 31-685)	Government Affairs	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	5/10/17 8:30 AM
AB120	Revises provisions relating to school construction. (BDR 34-779)	Daly	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/10/17 1:00 PM
AB134	Revises provisions governing exemptions of certain special districts from certain requirements of the Local Government Budget and Finance Act. (BDR 31-562)	Hansen	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/10/17 1:00 PM
AB151	Provides for the voluntary training of law enforcement dispatchers. (BDR 23-767)	Carlton	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/10/17 1:00 PM
AB271	Revises provisions governing collective bargaining by local government employers. (BDR 23-290)	Carrillo	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/10/17 1:00 PM
AB337	Revises provisions governing termination of the employment of members of the National Guard. (BDR 36-1134)	Elliot Anderson	Senate Committee on Government Affairs	5/10/17 1:00 PM

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AB236	Authorizes an agency which provides child welfare services to obtain the education records of certain pupils. (BDR 38-838)	Health and Human Services	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/10/17 3:30 PM
AB249	Requires the State Plan for Medicaid and all health insurance plans to provide certain benefits relating to contraception. (BDR 38-858)	Frierson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Sprinkle, Benitez-Thompson and Yeager	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/10/17 3:30 PM
AB272	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-851)	Frierson, Benitez-Thompson, Diaz, Carlton and Flores	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/10/17 3:30 PM
AB305	Requires each public school and private school to post a toll-free telephone number for a child abuse or neglect hotline. (BDR 34-362)	Health and Human Services	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services	5/10/17 3:30 PM
AB392	Revises provisions concerning certain communications relating to elections. (BDR 24-85)	Oscarson	Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/10/17 3:30 PM
SB470	Revises provisions governing the release of information relating to children. (BDR 5-347)	Judiciary	Assembly Committee on Judiciary	5/11/17 8:00 AM
SB144	Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-300)	Spearman	Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	5/11/17 1:30 PM
AB341	Revises provisions governing juvenile justice. (BDR 5-964)	Ohrenschall	Senate Committee on Judiciary	5/12/17 1:30 PM

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