



SESSION SPOTLIGHT

April 23, 2021

We are now officially two-thirds of the way through with the 81st Nevada Legislative Session. Tuesday's first house deadline came and went and in the end only a few [bills](#) did not survive. Now we will enter the phase of session where bills will be heard again in the second house which means the return of committee hearings as bills are presented for a second time in the other house. Meanwhile, the fiscal committees are closing out budgets as the Economic Forum (more on this in next week's Session Spotlight) nears the release of their projections that will dictate what the final budget bills will look like. For now, we'll focus on some meetings that took place this week.

Nevada Department of Education Budget Hearings

On [Wednesday](#), the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance's Subcommittee on K-12/Higher Education met to receive budget amendments from the Nevada Department of Education (NDE). During this hearing, the Department provided information regarding proposed plans for federal dollars for items such as additional seats in pre-kindergarten and 100 school based mental health professionals among the amendments.

Senate Committee on Education

During [Wednesday's](#) meeting of the Senate Committee on Education, Washoe County School District presented AB57 which suspends the use of Student Learning Goals in teacher evaluations through the 2022-23 school year.

Assembly Committee on Education

On [Thursday](#), the Committee on Education heard the presentation on SB173, which invites schools to address learning loss with a plan for summer school. CCSD testified in neutral in order to inform the committee that the school district plans on having summer school available regardless of the bill.

Senate Committee on Finance

On [Friday](#), the Senate Committee on Finance heard SB76, NDE's bill on boards and commissions, and SB194, State Seal of Civics. During the next month, many bills will make their way to the Senate Committee on Finance or Assembly Ways and Means for a discussion on the potential costs a bill may have on a government agency, also known as a fiscal note.

Want to Learn More?

In case you didn't know: here's how you can learn how legislators voted on a bill. From the home page of the Nevada State Legislature (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>), click on NELIS (top right of the page). Click on the "Legislation" icon (on the top left of the page) and choose either Assembly or Senate Bills. Let's assume you'd like to know how legislators voted on AB57, the bill we've highlighted in this week's update, so enter the bill number in the search bar. Then in the results, click on "AB57," which will take you to the overview page for that bill.

At a glance you can see the summary of the bill and a wide variety of information about the bill, including the vote tally. If you are curious about who voted in favor of a bill, click on the "Votes" tab along the top of the page and you will see several gray bars in two columns, one for the assembly and one for the senate. You can click on "All" and pull up a list of the entire body, with an "x" indicating a no vote and a "check" indicating a yes vote. Or, you can click on the "Nay" row, and get a list of those who voted against the bill. It makes it very easy to track the voting record of legislators on bills that matter to you.

You can also find an amazing array of additional information on this website, from fiscal notes to exhibits and testimony and summaries of emails received for and against. Dive in and start clicking!

For a list of bills we are tracking click [here](#).

Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of April 26, 2021

The "[Calendar of Meetings](#)" on the Nevada Legislature website provides up to date information regarding meetings.

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