

A Leg Up

The Weekly Legislative Update for the Clark County School District

April 27, 2013

This week, the 77th Legislature passed another major deadline, passage by the house of origin. That means “AB” bills need to have been passed by the Assembly and “SB” bills need to have been passed by the Senate, unless they are designated as “exempt.” Numerous bills were made exempt prior to Tuesday's deadline which resulted in only 10 bills total that didn't meet the house of origin deadline, only three of which were on our tracking list.

Moving forward, we'll see the surviving bills go through the same process they went through in their house of origin, but in the other house. Assembly bills will be heard by senate committees, and senate bills will be heard by assembly committees. The next major deadline for bills to meet is May 17: by that date, the bills must be passed out of committee in the second house. So, for example, an assembly bill that is sent to the Senate Education Committee must be heard and passed out of that committee by May 17 in order to continue toward passage.

This Week

The Assembly Education committee got back to work this week hearing three bills on Wednesday that were transmitted from the Senate, SB 163 (Civics), SB 125 (NIAA), and SB 102 (Kenny C. Guinn Millennium Scholarship).

On Thursday the K-12 Joint Subcommittee held a work session on the Distributive School Account (DSA) to discuss items such as full day kindergarten, Teach for America, and teacher incentives. The Subcommittee did not close any of these budgets.

Coming Up

Both money committees should prove to be the busiest in the building in the coming weeks as they hear the hundreds of exempt bills that have a fiscal impact and continue to approve budgets for the various state agencies, including the DSA. The Ways and Means Committee alone has more than 150 bills on its docket waiting to be heard.

On Wednesday, May 1 the Economic Forum will meet for presentations on the economic outlook of the State based on forecasts related to employment and revenues. The findings of the Forum determine the level of revenues that will be available for distribution as lawmakers finalize their budgets. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Carson City, but will be videoconferenced to the Sawyer Building and can be accessed by the Internet. Click here for the [Agenda](#).

Here's a Tidbit

Why are some bills "exempt?" As mentioned previously, many bills have received exemption from the established deadlines. Bills receive exempt status if they:

1. Contain an appropriation;
2. Authorize the expenditure by a state agency of sums not appropriated from the state general fund or the state highway fund;
3. Create or increase any significant fiscal liability of the state; or
4. Significantly decrease any revenue of the state.

Visit <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Reports/exempt.cfm> for a list of exempt bills.

Also, visit <http://leg.state.nv.us/Session/77th2013/Reports/MissedApril23rd.cfm> to see the bills that failed the April 23 deadline.