



February 18, 2017

Over 200 bills were introduced this week between the two houses and bill hearings began in most committees. The Assembly Committee on Education heard three bills and received a presentation on the evaluation of the 2015 education reform programs. In the Senate, the Committee on Education heard four bills. We'll see even more activity next week as both committees have already posted full agendas.

Highlights from Week Two

Monday, February 13

The Senate Committee on Judiciary held a bill hearing on SB109. SB109 prohibits any person being forced to undergo the implantation of a microchip or permanent identification marker.

The Assembly Committee on Education focused Monday's hearing higher education with two bill presentations, AB1 and AB24. CCSD supported AB1, which requires the Nevada System of Higher Education to provide all undergraduate college fees and expenses for a child whose parents died while on duty as a state or local government employee.

Tuesday, February 14

The Assembly Committee on Government Affairs heard AB70, a bill brought forward by the City of Las Vegas. AB70 would allow the City of Las Vegas to expand the use of revenues spent for education purposes made from a redevelopment area.

In the afternoon, the Senate Committee on Education heard two bills, SB38 on the State's Central Mailing Room and SB76 regarding investments under certain state and local funds.

The Assembly Committee on Taxation and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development held a joint meeting late Tuesday afternoon to discuss Nevada's current property tax structure. Jeremy Aguero from Applied Analysis presented the history and structure of the property tax to the Committee and Clark

County discussed the impact of the property tax on local government services. To view Mr. Aguero's presentation, please visit <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017/Meeting/5738?p=1005738>.

Wednesday, February 15

One of the biggest hearings of the week was held by the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor when they heard testimony on AB175, which would raise the minimum wage in Nevada. The bill AB64, a bill that will provide additional options for students with disabilities to earn a standard diploma, was presented to the Assembly Committee on Education by the Nevada Department of Education. The bill received widespread support from school districts, advocacy groups, and individuals.

Thursday February 16

Senate Education heard two bills, SB119, sponsored by Senator Ford, on immunity for volunteers on the school organizational teams (SOTs) and SB86, sponsored by Senator Gustavson, on cursive handwriting. Senator Ford amended SB 119 to reflect the specific duties of the SOTs and the bill received support from CCSD, Honoring Our Public Education (HOPE), the Nevada State Education Association (NSEA), the State Public Charter School Authority, and the Nevada Association of School Superintendents.

The Joint Meeting of the Assembly Committee on Taxation and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development continued their discussion on property tax on Thursday. Rick Neal, Nicole Rourke, Eric Johnson, and Linnea Westwood represented CCSD by explaining the impacts of property tax revenue on the District budget and school programs. Presentations were also made by Washoe County School District, City of Fernley, City of Sparks, and Lyon County. The meeting wrapped up with another presentation from Jeremy Aguero that included a series of possible solutions to help stabilize the property tax.

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

Want to Learn More?

Did the Nevada Legislature just schedule a bill or topic you are passionate about? Do you want to make sure the committee hearing the bill knows your thoughts? What do you need to do in order to testify?

In order to keep the debate orderly, the Nevada Legislature has rules that everybody must follow in order to participate in the process. The process is very open and transparent but there are procedures to keep everything moving forward.

So, if you have any of these questions...the answers are just a paragraph away.

First, be prepared to wait. Committees hear several bills and the bills may be taken out of the order listed on the agenda. Once your bill is up for a hearing, please remember the following tips:

- Sign in. The committee will want to know who you are and how to contact you in case a member has additional questions after the hearing is over.
- Listen to the bill presentation. Many questions can be answered at this time and other stakeholders may bring forward an amendment, which might change your testimony.
- Do you support or oppose, or are you neutral? Each bill receiving public comment will be structured so that those in support speak first, followed by those who are opposed, and finally those who are neutral. Be sure that you are prepared to come to the table to speak during the time which best describes your testimony.
- Keep your comments short and concise. Committee rules require all public testimony to be no more than 3 minutes long. If your testimony requires you to go over 3 minutes, write your testimony out and provide it to the committee manager. When you get to the table, provide a short overview of the comments that are in your written testimony. Committee managers will ensure your full testimony is delivered to each member of the committee for them to review and entered into the minutes.
- Be prepared for questions. Committee members want to know your thoughts and want to make sure they are making the very best decisions. The committee will be inquisitive by nature so be ready to support your testimony!

Coming Up:

Scheduled Meetings for the Week of February 20, 2017

Bill #	Description	Sponsor	Next Meeting
SB160	Revises provisions relating to administrative regulations.	Gansert	Senate Committee on Government Affairs 2/20/2017 1:00 PM
AB99	Revises provisions relating to services for children.	Araujo	Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services Date:2/20/2017 1:30 PM
AB1	Requires the payment of certain undergraduate fees and expenses of the dependent child of a public employee who is killed in the performance of his or her duties.	Carlton	Assembly Committee on Education -- Work Session Item 2/20/2017 3:15 PM

AB24	Revises provisions governing the tuition charges assessed against certain students within the Nevada System of Higher Education.	Committee on Education	Assembly Committee on Education -- Work Session Item 2/20/2017 3:15 PM
AB166	Revises provisions governing education. (School start times)	Edwards	Assembly Committee on Education 2/20/2017 3:15 PM
SB46	Revises provisions governing background checks of operators, employees and certain adult residents of a childcare facility.	Committee on Health and Human Services	Senate Committee on Health and Human Services 2/20/2017 3:30 PM
SB49	Revises provisions relating to funding for pupils with disabilities in public schools.	Committee on Finance	Senate Committee on Finance 2/21/2017 8:00 AM
SB89	Creates the K-12 Public Education Stabilization Account.	Woodhouse, Ford, Atkinson, Denis, Parks, Manendo and Ratti	Senate Committee on Finance 2/21/2017 8:00 AM
AB147	Revises provisions governing the disposal of property in the custody of certain governmental agencies.	Bustamante Adams	Assembly Committee on Judiciary 2/22/2017 8:00 AM
AB83	Makes various changes relating to insurance.	Committee on Commerce and Labor	Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor 2/22/2017 1:30 PM

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