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There is only one month left in the 2019 Legislative Session. Bills continue to be heard in the second house and the finance committees are closing budgets as the session nearly comes to an end.

Economic Forum

On Wednesday, the Economic Forum met to update their <u>projections of funds over the</u> <u>upcoming biennium</u>. The Forum projected an additional \$42.8 million, of which \$31.4 million additional revenue comes from this fiscal year with \$11.9 million projected over the 2019-2021 biennium. This is on top of the forecast made by the Forum in December. It brings the final tally to \$8.85 billion in the budget on which the Governor and legislature will be working with for this last month of session.

SB469 - CCSD Reorganization

On Tuesday, in Assembly Committee on Education, CCSD presented **SB469** which touches on the oversight of CCSD as outlined in NRS 388G. The bill allows the superintendent to determine how many schools a school associate superintendent supervises. The bill also states that the expenditures CCSD is legally obligated to make are considered restricted dollars. Therefore, they will not be part of the 90-10 split between central office and school costs that is proposed by the bill in order to streamline the budgeting process. Finally, the bill allows CCSD to project future enrollment instead of using the numbers from the prior semester in order to better allocate money to each school.

AB78 - Ending the Achievement School District

On Wednesday, Senate Committee on Education listened to a presentation on **AB78**. The bill primarily deals with charter schools by giving the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) the authority to become a local education agency that can adopt its own regulations. However, the bill also removes the Achievement School District from Nevada law and transfers the four schools currently under its umbrella to the SPCSA. CCSD testified in support because our <u>Supplemental Legislative Platform</u> opposes the transfer of authority of our neighborhood schools to charter operators.

AB462 - Collaboration with Charter Schools

Also at Wednesday's hearing, the committee heard **AB462**. This was originally the charter moratorium bill but that component was removed. The bill now requires the SPCSA to come up with a five-year growth management plan. CCSD has been involved in this bill in adding language so sponsors of charter schools and the SPCSA can better collaborate with school districts when a location for a charter school is chosen in order to better serve the community. CCSD testified in support now that this additional language has been amended into **AB462**.

SB475 - Student Learning Goals (SLGs) in Teacher Evaluations

At Thursday's Assembly Committee on Education hearing, Senator Dallas Harris presented **SB475**, which reduces SLGs to 20 percent of the score in a teacher or administrator evaluation (when they provide direct instructional services to students) for the next school year to meet the recommendations of the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada. For the following years, **SB475** further reduces SLGs to 15 percent of the weight to give stakeholders the opportunity to decide where else the 5 percent will go in the evaluation. The Nevada Association of School Superintendents testified in support on behalf of CCSD.

As always, you can find the full list of bills we are tracking here.

Current Scheduled Meetings for the Week of May 6, 2019

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