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2015 Bills of Interest

As of April 24, 2015

Bill Number	Description of Legislation/Notes
SB19	<p><i>Authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to place an advisory question on the ballot at a general election. (Washoe County School District)</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law authorizes the governing body of a county or city to submit an advisory question to the voters of the county or city. (NRS 295.230) Section 3 of this bill authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to submit an advisory question to the voters within its jurisdiction at a general election.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Legislative Operations and Elections, Passed by the Senate Floor, to the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections; Fiscal Note- None</p> <p>Grants power to a board of county commissioners to perform certain acts which are not prohibited or limited by statute.</p>
SB 29	<p>Summary: An act relating to county government; authorizing a board of county commissioners to exercise the powers necessary for the effective operation of county government</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; Voted out of the Senate; Heard on April 24th in Assembly Government Affairs; No action; Fiscal Note- None</p>
SB30	<p><i>Authorizes a board of county commissioners to withhold longevity pay for certain elected county officers under certain circumstances.</i></p> <p>Summary: Authorizes a board of county commissioners to adopt a resolution withholding longevity pay for elected county officers under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; Passed out of the Senate; Heard on April 14th in Assembly Government Affairs; Do pass by the committee; to Assembly Floor; Fiscal Note- None</p>



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SB70	<p><i>Revises provisions governing meetings of public bodies</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to public bodies; making various changes relating to meetings of public bodies.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; Passed out of the Senate; To Assembly Committee on Government Affairs; Fiscal Note- Washoe County Clerk's Office submitted a fiscal note for \$85,000. Amendment removes fiscal note.</p>
SB111	<p><i>Providing for the use of portable event recording devices by local law enforcement agencies in certain counties</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to peace officers; requiring certain peace officers in certain counties to wear a portable event recording device while on duty; requiring local law enforcement agencies in certain counties to adopt policies and procedures governing the use of portable event recording devices; exempting the use of portable event recording devices from provisions governing the interception of certain communications; exempting the use of portable event recording devices upon certain property.</p> <p>Status: Exempt; Amended by and referred to Senate Finance; Fiscal Note- Washoe County Sheriff's Department submitted a fiscal note for the following years. FY 2014-2015 will be \$1,017,746, FY 2015-2016 will be \$640,056, FY 2016-2017 will be \$640,056 and Future Biennia will be \$640,056. Washoe County Sheriff Office to submit a new fiscal note</p>
SB158	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local governments</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to local governments; requiring the governing body of a local government to make certain information available to the public before the governing body meets to approve a collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; Passed out of the Senate; Heard on April 24th in Assembly Commerce and Labor; No action; Fiscal Note- fiscal impact, but we would not be able to quantify.</p>
SB168	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local government employers</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to local governments; revising provisions relating to the reopening of a collective bargaining agreement during a period of fiscal emergency; excluding certain money from collective bargaining negotiations and from consideration in determining the ability of a local government to pay compensation and monetary benefits.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; Passed out of the Senate; Heard on April 24th in Assembly Commerce, Labor and Energy; No Action; Fiscal Note- None</p>



<p>SB185 <u>BCC Supported</u></p>	<p><i>Makes changes relating to fire and related emergency services in certain counties</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law authorizes the municipalities of this State to provide fire protection services. (NRS 268.730) Existing law also authorizes the creation of districts for a fire department by boards of county commissioners and the creation of fire protection districts and county fire protection districts. (NRS 244.2961,473.034, 474.110, 474.460) This bill requires, in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000 (currently Washoe County), the entity that is responsible for the emergency fire-fighting vehicle located closest to a fire to respond to and take all actions necessary to suppress the fire regardless of whether the location of the fire falls within the territory served by the entity.</p> <p>Status: Waiver Granted; Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; to Senate Floor; Fiscal Note- fiscal note that it would have minimal impact.</p>
<p>SB261 <u>BCC Supported (no official vote)</u></p>	<p><i>Makes various changes relating to certain research facilities</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to animals; authorizing certain research facilities to offer certain dogs and cats to an animal shelter or rescue organization for adoption before euthanizing or destroying such a dog or cat.</p> <p>Status: Heard on April 9th in Senate Natural Resources; Passed out of the Senate; to Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining; Fiscal Note- None</p>
<p>SB 276</p>	<p><i>Revises provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to medical marijuana; revising provisions governing the registration of certain medical marijuana establishments.</p> <p>Status: Exempt, Referred to Senate Finance, Fiscal Note- Fiscal impact cannot be determined.</p>
<p>SB 411 <u>BCC Supported</u></p>	<p><i>Allows the imposition of additional statutory taxes in a county to fund capital projects of the school district based on the recommendations of a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee and voter approval.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to taxation; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district to adopt a resolution establishing the formation of a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee to recommend the imposition of one or more statutory taxes to fund the capital projects of the school district; providing that if such a Committee is formed and submits its recommendations to the board of county commissioners within the time prescribed, the board of county commissioners is required to submit a question to the voters at the 2016 General Election asking whether the statutory tax or taxes should be imposed in the county; requiring the board of county commissioners to adopt an ordinance imposing any such statutory tax or taxes that are approved by the voters; providing for the prospective expiration of the authority of a board of trustees to establish such a Committee.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Revenue and Economic Development; to Senate Floor; Passed by Senate; To Assembly Taxation; Fiscal Note: Has Impact. If required to submit a question to the voters at the November 8, 2016 General Election, the cost that would be incurred on the Registrar of Voters would be the cost of the publication as prescribed by NRS 295.160 and 293.253, the cost of translation of the</p>



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	<p>question into Spanish for the publication and ballots, and the cost of the support staff to manage and prepare the question for publication. \$35,000 for Publication Costs, \$800 for Translation Costs and \$ 400 for staff time. Total cost is \$36,200</p>
<p>SB 480 <u>BCC</u> <u>Supported</u></p>	<p><i>Revises the membership of the county fair and recreation board in certain counties</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law establishes a county fair and recreation board in any county whose population is 100,000 or more and less than 700,000 (currently Washoe County). The board must consist of 13 members, of whom one must be a representative of banking or other financial interests, and another of whom must be a representative of business or commercial interests. Both of those members must be chosen from a list of nominees submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated city in the county (currently Reno). (NRS 244A.601). This bill deletes the provisions providing for the appointment of a member representing banking or other financial interests and another member representing business or commercial interests. Instead, this bill requires the appointment of a member representing the resort hotel business or other commercial or noncommercial interests related to tourism.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Senate Government Affairs; Passed by Senate Floor; Scheduled for a hearing on April 30th in Assembly Government Affairs; Fiscal Note- No</p>
<p>AB54</p>	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to local governments existing in a severe financial emergency.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to local financial administration; revising provisions governing the operation of the Committee on Local Government Finance; revising provisions relating to the management of a local government existing in a severe financial emergency.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Assembly Government Affairs Committee; Passed by the Assembly; to Senate Government Affairs; Fiscal Note- No</p>
<p>AB94 <u>BCC</u> <u>Supported</u></p>	<p><i>Authorizes a registered voter to elect to receive a sample ballot by electronic mail.</i></p> <p>Summary: Existing law requires each county and city clerk to mail a sample ballot to each registered voter in the applicable county or city. Sections 2 and 4 of this bill require each county and city clerk to distribute a sample ballot by electronic mail to each registered voter who elects to receive sample ballots in that manner.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Assembly Legislative Operation and Elections, Voted out of the Assembly; Heard for a hearing in Senate Legislative Operations and Elections on April 22nd; No Action; Fiscal Note: Washoe County Registrar of Voters submitted a fiscal note for the following years. FY 2014-2015 will be \$75,000, FY 2015-2016 will be \$25,000, FY 2016-17 will be \$25,000 and Future Biennia will be \$50,000. Amendment removes fiscal note.</p>



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AB162	<p><i>Revises provisions governing the use of portable event recording devices by law enforcement.</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to peace officers; requiring certain peace officers to wear a portable event recording device while on duty; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures governing the use of portable event recording devices; exempting the use of portable event recording devices from the provisions governing the interception of certain communications; exempting the use of portable event recording devices upon certain property.</p> <p>Status: Amend and Do Passed by Assembly Government Affairs; Passed by Assembly; to Senate Committee on Government Affairs; Fiscal Note: Washoe County Sheriff's Office submitted a fiscal note for the following years. FY 2014-2015 will be \$1,017,746, FY 2015-2016 will be \$640,056, FY 2016-2017 will be \$640,056 and Future Biennia will be \$640,056</p>
AB182	<p><i>Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by local government employers.</i></p> <p>Summary: Relating to local governments; prohibiting a local government employer from entering into an agreement to pay dues to an employee organization through deductions from compensation; prohibiting such an employer from providing paid leave or paying compensation or benefits for time spent by an employee in providing services to an employee organization; prohibiting the inclusion of certain employees in a bargaining unit; revising provisions relating to a reduction in force; providing that a collective bargaining agreement between a local government employer and a recognized employee organization expires for certain purposes at the end of the term stated in the agreement; requiring public notice of certain offers made in collective bargaining; eliminating final and binding fact-finding except upon the election of the governing body; removing a portion of the budgeted ending fund balance of certain governmental funds from the scope of collective bargaining and from consideration by a fact finder; eliminating statutory impasse arbitration for firefighters, police officers, teachers and educational support personnel.</p> <p>Status: Exempt; Amended and Do Passed by Assembly Commerce Labor and Energy; to Assembly Floor; Fiscal Note- There will be a fiscal impact, but it cannot be determined.</p>
AB 249	<p><i>Makes various changes relating to collective Bargaining</i></p> <p>Summary: An act relating to local governments; requiring that a copy of a proposed collective bargaining agreement or similar agreement of a local government employer be made available to the public before its approval by the governing body of the local government; revising the process of fact-finding and arbitration following an impasse in bargaining; removing a portion of the budgeted ending fund balance of the general fund of a local government from the scope of collective bargaining and from consideration by a fact finder or arbitrator.</p> <p>Status: Exempt; Amend and Do Passed by Assembly Commerce and Labor; to Assembly Floor; Fiscal Note- Cannot be determined with minimum impact</p>



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AB 333

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Provides for the consolidation of certain fire protection districts in certain counties

Summary:

An act relating to fire protection districts; providing for the consolidation of certain fire protection districts located in a county whose population is less than 700,000 under certain circumstances.

Status: Do Pass by Assembly Government Affairs; Passed out of the Assembly; Scheduled for a hearing on April 13th in Senate Government Affairs; Do Pass by Senate Government Affairs; to Senate Floor; Fiscal Impact: The saving from the combining of these two fire entities will come from not duplicating external audits preparing separate budgets as well as a great deal staff time spent duplicating tasks rather than doing only once when the two departments are formally combined. The anticipated saving from the combining of these entities is estimated to save between \$60,000 and \$80,000 per year.