



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

## 2023 Legislative Session

### Week 9 Report

**April 3 - 7, 2023**

#### **Bills of Interest (\*Asterisk indicates bills added as of this report)**

[A.B. 2](#) (City of Sparks) – Allows for use of blue lights on certain vehicles.

- Passed in Assembly 3/21, 39 Yea-1 Absent Excused

[A.B. 52](#) (Attorney General) – Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law

[A.B. 62](#) (Advisory Committee on Housing) - Revises provisions governing property tax exemptions for low-income housing

[A.B. 63](#) (Storey County) - Requires the Director of the Department of Transportation and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to review, study and prepare reports regarding certain issues relating to traffic safety.

- Storey County bill re: I-80 corridor between Vista Blvd. and the Wadsworth Interchange

[A.B. 66](#) (Commission on Ethics) – Revises provisions related to ethics in government

[A.B. 68](#) (Douglas County) – Revises provisions governing the assessment imposed on certain counties for the operation of a regional facility for the treatment and rehabilitation of children.

- China Spring; Passed in Assembly 3/22 41 Yea – 1 Absent Excused

[A.B. 92](#) (Koenig)– Authorizes a board of county commissioners to create the office of county counsel

- Passed in Assembly 3/24, 30 Yea – 11 Nay – 1 Absent Excused

[A.B. 135](#) (Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services) – Revises provisions relating to homelessness

[A.B. 175](#) (Yurek, Bilbray-Axelrod) – Revises provisions governing boards of trustees of school districts

- Would require the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to establish an election district in which four members of the board of trustees for the Washoe County School District are elected; would require the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to appoint one member of the board of trustees for the Washoe County School District; and, would require the Reno City Council and the Sparks City Council to each appoint one member to the board of trustees for the Washoe County school District.

[A.B. 213](#) (Jauregui) – Revises provisions governing residential zoning

[A.B. 219](#) (Considine) – Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law



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[A.B. 242](#) (Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections) - Revises provisions relating to elections

[A.B. 246](#) (Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections) – Revises provisions relating to elections

[A.B. 255](#) (Cohen) – Revises provisions governing adoption

[A.B. 253](#) (C. Miller) - Provides for the licensure and regulation of certain events at which the sale and consumption of cannabis or cannabis products is allowed

[A.B. 265](#) (Gorelow, CH Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Peters) – Revises provisions relating to mental health

[A.B. 266](#) (Torres, Duran, Gonzalez, D’Silva, Miller, Nguyen; Flores, Donate, Nguyen) – Revises provisions relating to governmental administration.

- Would require cities and counties to develop and maintain language access plans that meet certain requirements; would require Clark County, Washoe County and all incorporated cities within Clark and Washoe to ensure all public notices are issued in every language in which voting materials are required to be prepared in the county pursuant to federal and state law. The estimated fiscal impact of this bill is \$2.3M in FY24 and \$1.85M in FY25 and all subsequent fiscal years.

[A.B. 287](#) (Gray, O’Neill, Yurek, Hibbets, McArthur; DeLong, Dickman, Gallant, Gurr, Hafen, Hansen, Hardy, Kasama, Koenig; Hansen, Stone) - Provides that peace officers are immune from civil liability under certain circumstances

[A.B. 298](#) (Jauregui) – Revises provisions governing housing.

- Section 3 of this bill exempts from the real property transfer tax between July 1, 2023, and December 31, 2024, a transfer, assignment or other conveyance of real property to a bona fide resident who attests, under penalty of perjury, that he or she will use the real property as his or her primary residence. The estimated fiscal impact of this provision of the bill would be a loss of revenue to Washoe County of \$7.6M in FY24 and \$3.8M in FY25.

[A.B. 301](#) (Hibbets, D’Silva, Yurek, Carter) – Revises provisions relating to public employees.

- Expands the definition of police officer for purposes of eligibility for certain industrial insurance to include school police officers, juvenile probation officers, and bailiffs and deputy marshalls of municipal courts.

[A.B. 307](#) (Dickman, Gray, Gallant, Hansen, Delong, Gurr, Hafen, Koenig, McArthur, O’Neill; Stone, Hansen, Goicoechea, Titus) – Revises provisions relating to elections

[A.B. 310](#) (Monroe-Moreno) – Revises provisions governing affordable housing



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[A.B. 314](#) – Revises provisions governing the regulation of home-based businesses by counties, cities and towns (Gallant, Taylor, DeLong, Dickman, Gray, Nguyen; Stone)

[A.B. 356](#) (Dickman, La Rue Hatch, Anderson, Hansen, Kasama, Carter, D'Silva, Duran, Gallant, Gray, Gurr, Hafen, Hardy, Koenig, McArthur, Mosca, O'Neill, Taylor, Watts, Yeager and Yurek; Seevers Gansert, Goicoechea, Titus, Hansen and Neal) – Enacts provisions relating to mobile tracking devices.

[A.B. 368](#) (Assembly Government Affairs Committee) – Revises provisions governing public administrators

[A.B.370](#) (Hansen, Dickman, Gurr, Hafen, Hardy, Kasama, Koenig, McArthur and Yurek; Hansen) - Revises provisions governing elections

\*[A.B. 375](#) (Dickman) - Revises provisions relating to Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation

\*[A.B. 410](#) (Juaregi) - Revises provisions relating to industrial insurance

[A.B. 424](#) (Committee for the oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System) - Revises provisions relating to the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

\*[A.B. 445](#) (Newby) – Revises provisions relating to the mental health of children.

\*[A.B. 448](#) (Yeager, Juaregi) – Revises provisions governing the real property transfer tax.

\*[A.B. 449](#) (Gallant, Gray, Dickman, D'Silva) – Enacts provisions to provide a property tax credit under certain circumstances.

\*[A.B. 450](#) (Considine) – Revises provisions governing the real property transfer tax.

[ACR 5](#) (Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System) - Expresses support for the Lake Tahoe Transportation Action Plan

[ACR7](#) (Anderson, Considine) - Directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue to conduct a study regarding wealth taxes during the 2023-2024 interim.

[AJR 3](#) (Peters, Watts; Thomas) - Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to establish certain rights relating to the environment



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[AJR 6](#) (Watts, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brittney Miller, Anderson, Backus, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, D'Silva, Duran, González, La Rue Hatch, Cameron Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Newby, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Thomas, Torres and Yeager; Harris, Lange, Ohrenschall, Daly, Doñate and Flores) - Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to adopt the National Popular Vote Compact

[AJR 7](#) (Anderson, Considine) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise certain provisions relating to property tax.

- Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions relating to the assessment and taxation of property which is sold or transferred and to require the Legislature to enact a program to provide property tax assistance to senior citizens and persons with disabilities

[S.B. 20](#) (NACO) – Allows County Board of Commissioners to establish a process by ordinance for filling board vacancies.

- Enabling only, not a mandate. If no process is established by ordinance, current process by which Governor appoints remains in place.

\*[S.B. 51](#) (Nye County) – Revises provisions relating to the compensation of certain County Commissioners

[S.B. 68](#) (Clark County Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board) - Establishes programs to provide certain assistance relating to housing

[S.B. 75](#) (Dickman) – Requires the election of a Registrar of Voters

[S.B. 81](#) (Daly) – Revises provisions governing regional planning

[S.B. 96](#) (Joint Interim Standing Committee on Revenue) – Revises provisions relating to taxation

- Revises the formula for calculating the partial abatement so that the annual cap on increases of the property taxes on certain single-family residences and residential rental property is 3 percent. Under this bill, the annual cap increases of property taxes on any other property cannot be less than 3 percent or more than 8 percent.

[S.B. 133](#) (Daly, Cannizzaro, Spearman; Donate, Dondero Loop, Flores, D. Harris, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Pazina) – Revises provisions relating to presidential electors

[S.B. 142](#) (D. Harris, Scheible, Flores, Donate; Daly, Lange) – Enacts the Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights

[S.B. 155](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises provisions relating to homeless persons

[S.B. 156](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises the Open Meeting Law



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[S.B. 230](#) (Hansen, Stone, Titus, Buck; Goicoechea, Hammond, Krasner, Seevers Gansert) - Requires certain proof of identity to vote in an election

\*[S.B. 226](#) (Cannizzaro, Yeager) – Revises provisions governing public works

[S.B. 233](#) (Cannizzaro) - Revises provisions governing taxes imposed on certain heavy equipment.

- The estimated fiscal impact of this bill on Washoe County would be \$1.28M annually, beginning in FY25.

[S.B. 238](#) (Stone, Krasner, Goicoechea, Hansen, Buck; Hammond, Seevers Gansert, Titus) - Makes various changes relating to certain voter registration agencies

[S.B. 239](#) (Flores, Harris, Spearman, Cannizzaro, Daly, Doñate, Lange, Nguyen, Scheible, Torres, Nguyen, González, Watts, Gorelow, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carter, Cohen, Considine and Orentlicher) - Establishes provisions governing the prescribing, dispensing and administering of medication designed to end the life of a patient

[S.B. 245](#) (Hansen, Stone, Goicoechea; Gray) – Provides that peace officers are immune from civil liability under certain circumstances

[S.B. 262](#) (Gonzales, Torres, D’Silva, Nguyen; Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Newby, Peters, Watts) - Revises the qualifications for membership on certain advisory councils and boards

[S.B.263](#) (Anderson, O’Neill, Dickman, La Rue Hatch, Peters, Taylor) – Makes an appropriation to the Children’s Cabinet for the purchase and renovation of a parcel of land to carry out the Oddie Project.

[S.B. 264](#) (Donate, Pazina) – Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining

\*[S.B. 325](#) (Seevers Gansert, Titus, Hansen, Stone, Krasner, Buck, Goicoechea) – Revises provisions relating to elections.

[S.B. 331](#) (Scheible) - Revises provisions relating to state and local emergency management plans

[S.B. 344](#) (Neal) – Revises provisions governing education

- Prohibits the governing bodies of counties cities in this State from: (1) sponsoring or operating a charter school; (2) establishing a corporation for public benefit or a nonprofit organization to sponsor or operate a charter school; (3) expending money to provide direct or indirect support to a charter school; or (4) awarding a grant to a corporation for public benefit or a nonprofit organization for the purpose of supporting or operating a charter school

[S.B. 359](#) (Ohrenschall) - Revises provisions governing juvenile justice



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[S.B. 368](#) (Harris, Spearman, Donate, Neal, Cannizzaro, Daly, Dondero Loop, Flores, Lang, Nguyen, Pazina, Scheible) – Revises provisions related to real property

[S.B. 371](#) (Senate Committee on Government Affairs) - Revises provisions governing local government

- Authorizes a board of county commissioners and the governing body of an incorporated city to, with certain exceptions, enact an ordinance or measure relating to affordable housing

[S.B. 374](#) (Stone, Hansen, Krasner, Buck, Goicoechea, Seevers Gansert; Gurr) Revises provisions related to property taxes.

- Exempting from property taxes the primary residence of certain veterans and their surviving spouses; establishing a program to provide partial refunds of property taxes to certain persons who are 55 years of age or older

[S.B. 394](#) (Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development) – Revises provisions governing property taxes levied for the support of public schools.

- Requires the board of county commissioners of each county to levy, in addition to all other taxes imposed on property, a tax of 10 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the county for the support of the public schools. Such tax would be exempt from certain abatements and would be outside of the property tax cap established in statute.

[S.B. 396](#) (Neal) – Imposes a tax on the retail sale of certain digital products

[S.B. 404](#) (Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections) – Makes various changes relating to elections.

- Authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Governor or Secretary of State to order changes to an election caused by certain emergencies or disasters; making it unlawful for a person to disseminate certain information about an elections official; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a person applying to vote who is challenged to cast a provisional ballot; authorizing a county or city clerk to order that the count of returns for early voting to begin after the first day of early voting; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a registered voter to bring a cause of action to compel a board of county commissioners or governing body of a city to complete the canvass of an election; clarifying that certain duties of the Secretary of State, a county clerk and a city clerk are ministerial; prohibiting the results of any risk-limiting audit from being used to contest or overturn the results of any election; authorizing, under certain circumstances, certain persons to bring a cause of action to compel the issuance of a certificate of election or commission; requiring a recount of the vote for a candidate or ballot question to be conducted under certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to the contest of an election.

[S.B. 405](#) (Office of the Governor) – Revises provisions relating to elections.

- Requiring, with certain exceptions, proof of identity for voting in person; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles, under certain circumstances, to issue a voter identification card at no charge; eliminating the requirement that a county or city clerk send a mail ballot to each registered voter; authorizing a voter to request a mail ballot; establishing



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procedures relating to requesting a mail ballot; revising provisions relating to mail ballots; requiring a voter to include certain personal identifying information with his or her mail ballot; revising the deadline by which a mail ballot must be received; establishing certain requirements for a person who returns a mail ballot on behalf of a voter.

[S.B. 406](#) (Secretary of State) – Revises provisions relating to elections.

- Making it unlawful for a person to use or threaten or attempt to use any force, intimidation, coercion, violence, restraint or undue influence with the intent to interfere with the performance of duties of an elections official or retaliate against an elections official for the performance of such duties; making it unlawful to disseminate certain information about an elections official; authorizing certain employees of the Office of the Secretary of State, county or city clerk or registrar of voters, and the spouse, domestic partner or minor child thereof, to request that certain personal information be kept in a confidential manner; authorizing such persons to request that the Department of Motor Vehicles display an alternate address on his or her driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card.

\*[S.B. 408](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises provisions regarding juvenile justice.

\*[S. B. 415](#) (Judiciary Committee) – Revises provisions relating to juvenile probation.

[S.B. 428](#) (Flores, Neal, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Harris, Ohrenschall, Pazina and Scheible; D'Silva, Torres, González, Anderson, Brown-May, Dickman, Gurr, Cameron Miller, Orentlicher, Peters, Taylor and Yurek) - Proposes to exempt sales of diapers from sales and use taxes and analogous taxes upon approval by the voters.

[S.B. 430](#) (Hammond) - Revises provisions relating to partial refunds of property taxes to certain persons who are 55 years of age or older.

[S.B. 432](#) (Seevers Gansert) -Revises provisions governing economic development

- Revising provisions governing the disposition of certain taxes; requiring the establishment of a regional powers authority following the expiration of certain partial tax abatements approved in relation to a qualified project; establishing the powers and duties of a regional powers authority; creating the Account to Mitigate the Regional Impacts of Economic Development; imposing reporting requirements related to the use of certain money; creating the Account to Promote Statewide Economic Development.

[SJR 6](#) (Spearman; Gonzalez, Taylor) Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for annual sessions of the Legislature

**Fiscal Note Requests received to date: 190**

**Meetings, Hearings and Other Items of Interest**

**Monday, April 3**



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## Assembly Ways and Means

- [A.B. 166](#) (Thomas and Gorelow) – Makes an appropriation to the nonprofit organization Foster Kinship for its programs dedicated to kinship care  
HSA submitted letter in support

## Assembly Judiciary

- [A.B. 454](#) (Committee on Judiciary) – Revises provisions relating to legal services for indigent defendants.

## Senate Judiciary

- [S.B. 367](#) (Cannizzaro, Donate, Dondero Loop, Pazina) – Revises provisions relating to public safety.

## Assembly Commerce and Labor

- [A.B. 176](#) (Gonzalez, Summers-Armstrong, Orentlicher; Donate, Neal) – Revises provisions relating to housing.

## Senate Government Affairs

- [S.B. 51](#) (NACO) – Revises provisions relating to the compensation of certain county commissioners.
- As Introduced applies only to Nye County. NACO to present amendment expanding applicability to all counties.

## Assembly Natural Resources

- [A.B. 86](#) (Hardy) – Revises provisions relating to animal welfare  
Regional Animal Services Director Schull and Cadence Matijevich testified in support, with Washoe County amendment accepted as friendly by bill sponsor.  
The amendment seeks to provide an enhanced definition of animal abandonment and to address such action as a crime regardless of if the animal is injured, infirm or healthy by repealing NRS 574.110 and incorporating the repealed provisions within NRS 574.100.

Additionally, amendment seeks to include specific criteria for charging animal cruelty for circumstances commonly seen by Washoe County Regional Animal Services that are not included within existing statute:

- Failure to provide necessary veterinary care to sick/injured animals
- Failure to provide proper ventilation and/or wholesome air for enclosed animals
- Establishing certain grooming standards to prevent animal suffering

## Tuesday, April 5

### Assembly Government Affairs

- [A.B. 333](#) – Revises provisions governing housing authorities.
- [A.B. 225](#) - Revises provisions concerning the confidentiality of certain personal information of members of the military

Testified in neutral as to policy of bill, thanking Assemblywoman Newby for her work to prepare an amendment to this bill to address procedural concerns of the courts and county recorders. Encouraged that Assemblywoman Newby's amendment also be applied to the seven other bills



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that pertain to confidentiality of personal information of other persons (teachers, certain peace officers, election officials, etc).

## Senate Committee on Judiciary

- [S.B. 368](#) (Harris, Spearman, Donate, Neal, Cannizzaro, Daly, Dondero Loop, Flores, Lange, Nguyen, Pazina, Scheible) – Revises provisions relating to real property  
Testified in support

## Senate Revenue and Economic Development

- [S.B. 396](#) (Neal) – Imposes a tax on the retail sale of certain digital products

## Senate Health and Human Services

- [S.B. 317](#) (Scheible, Spearman, Donate, Neal, Harris, Daly, Lange, Ohrenschall, Pazina) – Establishes provisions relating to resources for persons experiencing homelessness.  
Testified in support

## Wednesday, April 5

### Assembly Natural Resources

- [A.B. 424](#) (Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System) – Revises provisions relating to the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin
- [ACR 5](#) (Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System) - Expresses support for the Lake Tahoe Transportation Action Plan  
Testified in support

## Thursday, April 6

### Assembly Government Affairs

- [A.B. 10](#) (City of Las Vegas) – Authorizes the designation of a tax increment area for certain transportation and housing reinvestment purposes.

### Assembly Education

- [A.B. 175](#) Work Session (Yurek, Bilbray-Axelrod) – Revises provisions governing boards of trustees of school districts

### Senate Health and Human Services

- [S.B. 380](#) (Nguyen) - Revises provisions relating to the Extended Young Adult Support Services Program  
Cara Paoli of HSA testified in support of bill with amendments presented by Clark County

### Senate Revenue and Economic Development

- [S.B. 430](#) (Hammond) - Revises provisions relating to partial refunds of property taxes to certain persons who are 55 years of age or older.

## Friday, April 7

Meeting with Senate Majority Leader staff, county assessors and proponents of SB233 to discuss policy and fiscal impact concerns with the bill.



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## Assembly Commerce and Labor

- [A.B. 301](#) Work Session (Hibbets, D’Silva, Yurek, Carter) – Revises provisions relating to public employees.

## Senate Judiciary

- [S.B. 368](#) Work Session (Harris, Spearman, Donate, Neal, Cannizzaro, Daly, Dondero Loop, Flores, Lange, Nguyen, Pazina, Scheible) – Revises provisions relating to real property

## Senate Government Affairs

- [S.B. 81](#) Work Session (Daly) – Revises provisions governing regional planning
- [S.B. 155](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises provisions relating to homeless persons
- [S.B. 156](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises the Open Meeting Law

## Preview of the Week Ahead

### Monday, April 10

Meeting with Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong to request clarification on implementation of [A.B. 416](#)

## Joint Assembly Ways and Means/Senate Finance

- TRPA Budget Closing

## Assembly Commerce and Labor

- [A.B. 410](#) (Juaregi) - Revises provisions relating to industrial insurance

## Senate Judiciary

- [S.B. 35](#) (Health and Human Services Committee) – Establishes the crimes of low-level trafficking in fentanyl, mid-level trafficking in fentanyl and high-level trafficking in fentanyl.
- [S.B. 343](#) (Cannizzaro, Dondero Loop, Pazina) – Revises provisions relating to fentanyl and derivatives of fentanyl.

## Assembly Natural Resources

- [ACR 5](#) Work Session (Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System) - Expresses support for the Lake Tahoe Transportation Action Plan

### Wednesday, April 12

## Assembly Revenue

- [A.B. 416](#) (Summers-Armstrong) – Provides an exemption from property taxation for accessory dwelling units leased to certain tenants.
- [A.B. 449](#) (Gallant, Gray, Dickman, D’Silva) – Enacts provisions to provide a property tax credit under certain circumstances.

**Treasurer opposed – working with bill sponsor;** Assessor neutral

### Thursday, April 14

## Senate Judiciary

- [S.B. 408](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises provisions regarding juvenile justice.

**Testify in opposition**



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- [S. B. 415](#) (Judiciary Committee) – Revises provisions relating to juvenile probation.  
**Juvenile Services working with stakeholders on amendment to address significant concerns with bill as introduced; testify in opposition if amendment does not address concerns**

**Friday, April 15 – First House Committee Passage Deadline**



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