

Western Regional Water Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 9, 2023
TO: Chairman and Members, Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC)
FROM: Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager
SUBJECT: Report, discussion, and action on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 82nd (2023) Session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC/Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC); and possible action on WRWC Legislative Subcommittee recommendations regarding pending legislation

SUMMARY

The 82nd Session of the Nevada State Legislature began on February 6, 2023. WRWC Legal Counsel will present a verbal report and submit a written list of Bills pending in the 2023 Nevada Legislature, as of March 9, 2023, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and the NNWPC.

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WRWC 2023 Bills

Assembly Bills

Bill #	BDR #	NRS	Sponsor	Short Title	Summary	Position S/O/N/M	Status
AB 10	383	278C	Las Vegas, City of	Authorizes the creation of Transportation and Housing Reinvestment Zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 3 authorizes a governing body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance that designates a tax increment area called a "transportation and housing reinvestment zone" to promote transportation projects, improvements, and mixed-use, multi-family, and affordable housing developments within that zone. Section 3 also authorizes the governing body to finance such projects by issuing general obligation bonds, medium term obligations, revenue bonds, or other securities. - Section 4 of the bill states that the zone 1) must expire not more than 30 years after the date ordinance is adopted, 2) may include property that at the time of adoption is included within a redevelopment area or another tax increment area, and 3) is not subject to the statutory limitation on taxes ad valorem. - Section 5 requires the tax revenue in the zone be allocated between the taxing agencies and the tax increment account created for the zone. - Sections 6-22 make conforming changes 		Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. -2/10/2023, Mentioned not agendized -2/16/2023 Notice of eligibility for exemption
AB 19	233	532 533	Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Revises provisions relating to water	Current law states that The Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting Program (Program) provides grants to aid local governments in the clearance, maintenance, restoration, surveying, and monumenting of navigable rivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds tribal governments to the list of qualifying entities who can apply for a grant with the Program. (Sec. 2) • Adds tribal governments to the list of qualifying entities that are entitled to apply for the position of state water right surveyor (Surveyor). (Sec. 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Current law states that Surveyor applicants are not required to be a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor. (Sec. 4) • Defines tribal government. (Sec. 1) 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining -2/22/2023, Heard
AB 20	227	445A 349 350A	Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Revises provisions relating to water	Current federal law has established the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Fund) to assist states by providing money for water infrastructure projects and control of water pollution projects. Current state law has established the Account to Finance the Construction of Treatment Works (Account) and the implementation of Pollution Control Projects to receive and distribute money from the Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers the administration of the Account from the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to the Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection. (Sec. 8, 11-14) • States that the money in the Account can be used only in accordance with federal law. (Sec. 10) • States that the percentage authorized by federal law, rather than the 4% of each grant awarded authorized in state law, can be used to administer the Account. (Sec. 11) Current federal law allows the Account for Set-Aside Programs (Set-Aside Account) to make loans and grants to certain projects authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Current state law created the Account for Set-Aside Programs in the Fund for the Municipal Bond Bank. Current law establishes certain limitations on the use of money in the Account for the Revolving Fund and the Set-Aside Account. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates the Set-Aside Account in the Fund for Water Projects Loans rather than the Fund for the Municipal Bond Bank. (Sec. 15) • Modifies current law to provide that the Set-Aside Account can be used for loans and grants in accordance with federal law. (Sec. 16-17) • States that the money in the Set-Aside Account, with certain exceptions, can be used only in accordance with federal law. (Sec. 10, 18) • States that the money in the Revolving Fund Account, with certain exceptions, can be used only in accordance with federal law. (Sec. 18) • States that the percentage authorized by federal law can be used to administer the Revolving Fund Account and the Set-Aside Account. (Sec. 19) Current law designates the Director of the Department of Business and Industry with overseeing the financing of water projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers the responsibility of financing water projects to the State Environmental Commission. (Sec. 21) • Removes the requirement that not more than 3 members of the Board of Financing Water Projects can be members of the same political party. (Sec. 23) • Expands the list of eligible recipients who receive grants of money for water conservation and capital improvements to water systems to include individual sewage disposal system and connecting the property formerly served to a community sewage disposal system. (sec. 24) • Becomes effective upon passage and approval. (Sec. 28) • Defines pertinent terms. (Sec. 2-4) 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining
AB 34	235	533 534	Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Makes various changes relating to water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifies the posting requirements of the State Engineer (Engineer) to publish certain notices and court orders in a newspaper to: a) Address if the newspaper where a notice was submitted fails to publish the notice 4 times in 4 weeks, the Engineer is not required to republish if the notice was published at least once; and b) Require the Engineer to mail the notice to not less than one library in each affected county or, if a public library is not available, another public place for posting. Current law requires the Engineer to: a) Publish a notice that a compliant application for appropriation of public waters (Application) has been filed once a week for 4 consecutive weeks; and b) File proof of publication within 30 days of the final publication. Current law allows any person to file a written protest of the Application within 30 days of the last publication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes the requirement that the Engineer file proof of publication. • Requires the Engineer to include the following on the notice: a) The date the notice was mailed to the public library or public place; and b) the date of when the notice will end. Current law states that if an Application requests water to be used or diverted from a county other than that county in which it is to be appropriated or diverted, than the Engineer must notify the board of county commissioners (Board) of both counties. Each Board must consider the request at a public meeting and provide a notice for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States that if a newspaper fails to publish the notice for 3 weeks or 3 times, the Board is not required to republish the notice so long as the Board ensures that the notice was published at least once. 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Heard 2/22/2023

AB 52	416	241 281A 293 295 379 388 396 622A 642 654	Attorney General	Makes various changes related to the Open Meeting Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies the definition of "meeting", in relation to Open Meeting Law (Law), to not include any gathering or gatherings of a public body (Body) if the members do not deliberate toward a decision or take action on any matter the Body has authority. States that if a vacancy occurs in the voting membership of a Body, the necessary votes and quorum to take action is reduced. Authorizes remote technology systems as one of the means by which a Body can conduct meetings. Revises the requirements and the method that a notice may be given regarding a meeting held by a Body to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or an appeal of a person. Exempts from Law consultations, deliberations, hearings or meetings that are conducted by committees that prepare arguments advocating or opposing approval of statewide or city ballot measures. 	Referred to Committee on Government Affairs -3/6/2023. Heard.
AB 60	372	271	Nevada league of Cities	Revises provisions governing neighborhood improvement districts	<p>Current law authorizes the governing body of a local government (Governing Body) to create an improvement district (District) for a neighborhood improvement project (Project) that can be financed through the issuance of certain bonds and levy of assessments upon property in the District.</p> <p>Current law requires the Governing Body which has acquired or improved a Project to annually: a) Prepare an estimate of expenditures for the next fiscal year and a proposed assessment roll for the District; b) Conduct a public hearing on the estimate of expenditures (Estimate) and proposed assessment roll; and c) confirm the levy and assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modifies the Governing Body's annual requirements for a Project to: a) Prepare an amendment to the assessment roll (Amendment) and an Estimate for the next fiscal year; b) Hold a public meeting to consider the Amendment; c) Mail a notice of the meeting at least 21 days before the date of the meeting to the owner of each tract to be assessed (Owner); and d) Confirm the Amendment by resolution and mail notice of the assessments to the Owner. 	Referred to Committee on Government Affairs Mentioned, Not Agendized 2/10/2023 -3/1/2023, Heard.
AB 62	362	361	Advisory Committee on Housing	Revises provisions governing property tax exemptions for low-income housing projects	<p>Current law exempts tax on the portion of real property and tangible personal property (Property) which is used for housing for persons with low income if the portion of property qualifies as low income and is partially financed by federal funds (Exemption).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the Exemption to include Property partially financed by: a) The credit or reduction in liability for federal income taxes that is awarded for federal low income housing credit, or b) Money from the Account for Affordable Housing; or c) The Housing Trust Fund and meets the federal affordability requirements for affordable housing. (Sec. 1) <p>Current law states that the Exemption can apply to Property used exclusively for the elderly or persons with disabilities if: a) It was financed by a loan from the Housing Act of 1959; and b) Is owned and operated by a non-profit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the Exemption to include Property financed by capital advance issued by the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act which provides supportive housing for persons with disabilities. (Sec. 2) Outlines the formula in which the Exemption will be calculated. (Sec. 1, 2) States that the Exemption only applies to housing and related facilities that are approved on or after July 1, 2023. (Sec. 4) Defines pertinent terms. (Sec. 2) Contains an effective date of July 1, 2023. (Sec. 5) 	Referred to Committee on Revenue. -3/7/2023, Heard.
AB 66	264	281A 241	Commission on Ethics	Revises provisions relating to ethics in government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the powers of the Chair to the Commission on Ethics (Commission) to be assigned to the Vice-Chair or another member under certain circumstances. Requires the Chair and Vice-Chair be elected at the first fiscal meeting of each year. States that Open Meeting Law does not apply to Commission meetings involving any decisions in litigation relating to a request for an advisory opinion or the ethics complaint, or any delegation of authority to make such decisions. States that a list of each public officer who is required to file an acknowledgement of the statutory ethical standards must be submitted to the Commission by December 1 of each year. Replaces the Commission's requirement to publish a manual explaining the Ethics Law with a requirement to publish materials to educate public officers and employees on the Ethics Law. Modifies and clarifies the statutory ethical standards for legislators and other public officers and employees. Authorizes the Executive Director appointed by the Commission to conduct a preliminary investigation into the conduct of a public officer or employee to determine if the Commission has jurisdiction and whether the Commission should initiate an ethics complaint. Requires the review panel, who makes a determination whether there is sufficient cause for the Commission to render an opinion, to serve a written notice of its determination on the public officer or employee who is the subject of the ethics complaint. Provides the Commission with more time to prepare a written opinion on a matter. Expands the confidentiality requirements of an ethics complaint. 	Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations 2/21/2023 Heard
AB 71	347	No NRS Opened, Deals with the Division of Environmental Protection	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources	Requires the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct an interim study concerning environmental justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (Division) to conduct an interim study concerning environmental justice. Requires the Division, within the study, to identify: a) The communities facing the greatest cumulative environmental burdens (Burden) in this State; b) Methods to prevent an increase in the Burden; and c) Strategies to decrease any existing Burden. Authorizes the Division to contract with a private entity to conduct the study. Requires the Division to submit a report to LCB by December 31, 2024. 	Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. 2/16/2023. Notice of Eligibility for Exemption. Heard. -3/6/2023,
AB 90	717	533	Assemblyman Bert Gurr	Revises provisions relating to water.	<p>Current law allows the State Engineer (Engineer) to grant a permit for a temporary change to the place of diversion, manner of use or place of use of water already appropriated (Temporary Change) for a period not to exceed 1 year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the Engineer to grant an application for a Temporary Change for a period not to exceed 10 years. Requires the Engineer to give notice if an application for a Temporary Change is filed for a period of more than 1 year. Modifies the fees associated with an application for a Temporary Change. 	Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

AB 91	696	534	Assemblyman Delong	Revises provisions governing water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands the exception for a person to sink or bore a replacement well without submitting an application for a permit if both the original site of the well and the replacement well are on public lands. Requires the site of the well to be located anywhere on public lands or on the property of the person who holds the permit to appropriate water that is not more than 300 feet from the original place of diversion. 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining	
AB 105	712	111	Assemblyman Watts	Revises provisions related to broadband Internet.	Allows for a broadband provider to access and use any nonexclusive easement, right-of-way or other property right granted to a public utility or a video service provider to install, maintain and operate equipment and facilities related to providing access to Broadband internet.		Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure 3/2/2023, Heard.	
AB 186	454	446	Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama	Establishes requirements relating to the provision of drinking water at food establishments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits a food establishment (Establishment) from providing drinking water to customer unless it is requested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires an Establishment to demonstrate compliance with the prohibition upon inspection by a health authority. Authorizes the State Board of Health and local health boards to adopt regulations in regard to compliance with the prohibition. States that an Establishment is not subject to any penalty or fine for a violation. 		Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.	
AB 191	697	540	Assemblyman Delong	Makes various changes to Nevada water law	Modifies the definition of "supplier of water" to not include a private entity that holds a water right for the use of 3 acre-feet or less of water per year that supplies water for municipal, industrial or domestic purposes.		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.	
AB 219	781	241	Assemblywoman Considine	Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law.	*Makes changes relating to public comment and use of remote technology systems		Referred to Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	
AB 220			Committee on Natural Resources	Revises provisions relating to water conservation	*Makes various changes relating to water conservation and sewage mainly affecting southern Nevada		Referred to ASsembly Committee on Natural Resources	
AB 261	470		Assembly Committee on Natural Resources	Revises provisions relating to water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the executive Director of the Office of Economic Development (Director) to include a statement in the State Plan regarding the manner in which the State can maximize the efficient use of the water resources through its economic development programs. Requires the plan presented by a regional development authority to the Director regarding the development and enhancement of certain recruiting and marketing efforts to include strategies on conserving water resources. Requires the Office of Energy to conduct a study of consumptive water use and economic development of businesses receiving certain related abatements and submit a report of its findings and recommendations for legislation to the Governor and LCB. Establishes certain requirements for the building water systems in covered health care facilities to limit the risk of the transmission of Legionnaires' disease. Defines "covered health care facilities." Requires each owner or operator of a facility (Facility) to adopt and implement a water management plan (Plan) for the building water system to minimize the risk of Legionnaires disease. Outlines the requirements for the Plan. Requires the Facility to review the Plan on an annual basis. Requires the Facility with a cooling tower to adopt and maintain a maintenance program for routine bacteriological culture sampling and analysis Legionella culture sampling and analysis under certain conditions. Requires a health care provider, medical facility or laboratory director to immediately notify the health authority upon the suspicion or positive diagnosis of Legionnaires disease. Requires the State Board of Health to submit a report to the Governor and the Director of LCB detailing an occurrence of Legionnaires disease. 		Referred to Committee on Revenue.	
AB 263	125		Assemblyman Howard Watts	Enacts provisions relating to the transmission of Legionnaires' disease by building water systems in certain health care facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the State Board of Health to submit a report to the Governor and the Director of LCB detailing an occurrence of Legionnaires disease. 		Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.	
AJR 3	156		Assemblywoman Sarah Peters Assemblyman Howard Watts	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to establish certain rights relating to the environment.	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution by adding a new section which: a) Guarantees each person the right to a clean and healthy environment; b) Mandates a trust obligation of the State to conserve, protect and maintain certain environmental resources; c) Requires the state to fulfill its trust obligation equitably for all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, geography or wealth; and d) Prohibits the state from taking action that would cause unreasonable degradation, diminution or depletion of the environment through direct state action, inaction, or through the action of others.		Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. Heard: 3/9/2023 4:00pm.	
Senate Bills								
Bill #	BDR #	NRS	Sponsor	Short Title	Summary	Position S/O/N/M	Status	
SB 11	370	493	Committee on Growth and Infrastructure	Revises provisions governing the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles by local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current law requires the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to establish and maintain a registry of unmanned aerial vehicles (Vehicle) that are operated by public agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires DPS to adopt regulations that authorize the following for public agencies operating a Vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspections to ensure compliance with building and fire codes and laws, ordinances, regulations and rules adopting or establishing building and fire codes; and Inspections or public works and other real property in which the public agency has a property interest. (Sec. 1) States that Sections 1 becomes effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing preparatory administrative tasks. (Sec. 2) States that all other purposes become effective October 1, 2023. (Sec. 2) 		Referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure -2/10/23 Mentioned in Senate Gov. Affairs, No Jurisdiction	

SB 17	384	277A	Committee on Government Affairs	Revises provisions relating to certain regional transportation commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes a regional transportation commission (Commission) to employ or appoint security officers to provide and maintain security for the protection of persons and property under the Commission's control. (Sec. 1) Current law requires a Commission in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (Clark County) to establish an advisory committee (Committee) to provide information to the commission regarding benches, shelters, and transit stops. Current law outlines the following for the Committee: required membership and terms; vacancies and how they are filled; annual election of a chair and vice chair; and requires the Committee meet six times annually. • Authorizes, rather than requires, a Commission to establish a Committee. (Sec. 2) • Removes language regarding the Committee's required membership and terms, vacancies and how they are filled, annual elections, and meetings that occurred six times annually. (Sec. 2) • States that if a Committee exists in a county on July 1, 2023, the Commission cannot eliminate the Committee until the terms of the existing members have expired. (Sec. 5) The Yellow Dot program helps first responders react as quickly as possible to help victims at accident scenes. First responders are alerted by a yellow dot decal placed in the lower left of a vehicle's REAR window. If a driver is unconscious or unable to answer questions, Yellow Dot participants will have a kit containing important medical information in the glovebox of their vehicle. • Authorizes, rather than requires, a Commission to establish a Nevada Yellow Dot Program (Program), provide information regarding the Program to anyone who requests it, coordinate with each Commission in the State regarding the design and implementation of the program, consider similar programs in other states, and establish a public information campaign regarding the Program. (Sec. 3) • Expands the types of transportation projects a Commission can provide grants for to include emerging transportation and transit technologies. (Sec. 4) • Becomes effective on July 1, 2023. (Sec. 6) 	Referred to the Committee on Government Affairs -Heard, No Action 2/15/2023 jurisdiction: 2/23/23	-Mentioned no
SB 18	307	278	City of Fernley	Revises provisions governing meetings of planning commissions in certain counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a planning commission in a county with a population of less than 100,000 to hold a meeting at least once per quarter. • Requires a planning commission in a county with a population of more than 100,000 (Clark & Washoe) to hold a meeting at least once per month. 	Referred to the Committee on Government Affairs Upcoming Meeting: 3/13/2023. 3:30pm.	
SB 21	391	241 244 244A 268 278 293 318 350 361 379 396 403 444A 455 463 647	Nevada Association of Counties	Revises provisions relating to counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revises the classifications of population in certain specified provisions of NRS. o Changes the population threshold to less than 52,000 rather than 45,000. (Sec. 1-5, 8-14, 16-19, 21) o Changes the population threshold to more than 52,000 rather than 45,000. (Sec. 2, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 18-20) 	Referred to Committee on Government Affairs -2/8/2023. Mentioned, No Jurisdiction. action	--2/22/2023 Heard, No
SB 22	390	Chapter 238	Nevada Association of Counties	Authorizes electronic publication of certain notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the publication of a legal notice on the website of a newspaper. (Sec. 1) • States that if a legal notice is published on the website of a newspaper, the legal notice must be posted continuously and uninterrupted for not less than the full period that the notice is otherwise required to be published. (Sec. 3) • Current law prohibits a legislative body from removing an area from a redevelopment plan by amendment. 	Referred to the Committee on Government Affairs -2/8/2023. Mentioned, No Jurisdiction. Heard, No Action.	- 3/01/23.
SB 23	367	Chapter 279	Boulder City	Revises provisions governing redevelopment areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The bill authorizes a legislative body to amend a redevelopment plan to remove an area if the following conditions are met after a public hearing: The area that is removed is used primarily for residential use; and Is in the public interest for the property tax revenue collected from the area that is removed. (Sec. 1) o Prohibits a legislative body from removing an area that would impact any financial obligations of a political subdivision or public entity. (Sec. 2) o Becomes effective upon passage and approval. (Sec. 3) 	Referred to Committee on Government Affairs -2/20/2023. Heard, No Action.	
SB 25	217	Chapter 341	Committee on Government Affairs	Implements process for long-term state office space planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration (Division) implement and maintain a long-term plan (Plan) that addresses the future need for office space for state departments and agencies. • Requires the Division to consider the Plan in their recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. 	Referred to the Committee on Government Affairs -2/13/2023 Heard, No Action.	
SB 40	270	Chapter 487 Chapter 489 Chapter 1188 Chapter 278 Chapter 319 Chapter 361 Chapter 372 Chapter 374	Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry	Revises various provisions relating to manufactured homes, mobile homes and similar vehicles and factory-built housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 2. Goal is to remove barriers to the use of existing and future technology to increase efficiency and effectiveness. Section 18. Lot Rent Subsidy Program. Under 1188-250 changing income from poverty guidelines to home income limits. To qualify, a person must have (1) thirty percent of the median family income, as prescribed by the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, adjusted for household size, which the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has established for the area of the State in which the manufactured home is located; or (2) a maximum monthly household income that the Administrator has established by regulation. Anticipated to only affect 150-175 participants, \$265,000-\$300,000 annually for the program. 	Referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure -2/22/2023 Heard.	
SB 52	241	Chapter 341	State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration	Revises provisions relating to the standards for the design and construction of buildings or other projects of this State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current law requires the State Public Works Board (Board) to adopt energy efficiency standards when designing and constructing buildings or other projects for the State. o The bill modifies energy efficiency standards for the purpose of achieving net-zero energy consumption and net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by State projects where practicable. (Sec. 1) • Becomes effective upon passage and approval. (Sec. 2) 	Referred to the Committee on Government Affairs -2/13/2023. Not Heard; Withdrawn from Agenda	
SB 64	403	Chapter 386 Chapter 218G Chapter 239C	Lieutenant Governor	Revises provisions relating to school districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the following: a) The board of county commissioners to appoint one school trustee; and b) Each governing body of an incorporated city whose population is 60,000 more to appoint a school trustee to the board of trustees (Trustees) of the county school district. • Removes the authority of the Trustees to elect a president and instead requires the appointed school trustee to serve as president of the Trustees. • Requires the Legislative Auditor to audit each school district at least once every 5 years to ensure appropriated funds are used according to law. 	Referred to the Committee on Education	

SB 68	303	Chapter 319 Chapter 375 Chapter 433	Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board	Provides for an additional real property transfer tax to provide funding for affordable housing and behavioral health programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current law requires a tax on certain real property transfers (Transfers) which is based on the value of the transferred property in increments of \$500. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current law requires the State Controller to deposit a portion of the transfer tax into the Account for Affordable Housing which is administered by the Housing Division (Division). Creates the Critical Needs Fund (Fund) which is administered by the Division. (Sec. 14) Increases the tax on Transfers by 20 cents per \$500 of value (Sec. 21) Requires the 20-cent increase be transmitted to the Fund. (Sec. 22) Authorizes the Division to apply for and accept gifts, grants or other source of money for the purpose of providing rental and home repair assistance for very low-income housing, and supportive housing and services (Assistance and Services). (Sec. 14) Requires the money received to be deposited in the Fund. (Sec. 14) Requires the Division, before July 1 of each year, to determine the amount of money in the Fund available for use in each Behavioral Health Region (Region) (Sec. 15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlines the manner in which the funds should be allocated in each Region to provide Assistance and Services. (Sec 15 – 20 & 23) Defines pertinent terms. (Sec. 3-13) States that Sections 1-24 become effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing preparatory administrative tasks. (Sec. 25) States that all other purposes become effective October 1, 2023. (Sec. 25) Current law requires Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Washoe County (Counties), in consultation with any cities in each county (Cities), to submit a report (Report) to each legislator who represents these counties, identifying issues relating to growth and make recommendations. The Report was due at the end of each calendar year between July 1, 2019, and December 31, 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends the meeting and Report requirements through 2026. Modifies the meeting and Report requirements for the Counties and the Cities to include: a) identifying positive and negative issues relating to growth in the region; b) Address the areas of conservation population, land use development, transportation, and public facilities and services. Requires, between January 1, 2024, and January 1, 2027, certain Legislators and representatives of each county and city to meet jointly at least twice during each calendar year to discuss the positive and negative issues relating to growth and any recommendations in the Report. Requires a joint regional report of the issues identified on or before December 31 of each calendar year. 		Referred to Committee on Revenue and Economic Development 3/7/2023, Heard.
SB 81	536	Chapter 144, statutes of Nevada 2019	Senator Daly	Revises provisions governing regional planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriates \$1 million from the General Fund (GF) to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the award of grants to cities and counties for development and maintenance of water resource plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that the remaining balance of the appropriation must not be committed for expenditure by the controlling entity after June 30, 2025. States that any remaining portion of the appropriated money cannot be spent after September 19, 2025, and must revert to the GF. 		Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. 03/01/23. Heard, No Action.
SB 102	599	Chapter 278	Senator Goicoechea	Makes an appropriation to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to award grants of money for the development and maintenance of water resource plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current law requires the board of county commissioners (Board) to levy a special assessment (Assessment) in an amount to pay the salaries and expenses of well supervisors, assistants of well supervisors and the Well Drillers' Advisory Board. Current law also allows the Board to appropriate money from the county general fund (GF) to pay for the aforementioned salaries and expenses if the amount of the Assessment and the taxes levied on the property owner is less than the cost of collecting the Assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits money from the Assessment or the GF to be used to pay the salaries of the State Engineer (Engineer) or the Engineer's staff. Requires the Engineer to annually submit to each Board a report on the expenditures and activities from the Water District Account for the particular basin well account of that groundwater basin. Establishes a maximum charge of \$2 (minimum is \$1) for an Assessment on certain areas in which the use of groundwater is predominately for agricultural purposes. 		Referred to Committee on Finance
SB 112	8-600	532 534	Senator Goicoechea, Senator Titus	Revises provisions governing groundwater basin assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current law states that the State Engineer (Engineer) can designate certain basins as a critical management area (Area). The Engineer is required to designate an Area upon receipt of a petition signed by a majority (Majority) of the holders (Holders) of certificates or permits to appropriate water in the basin. Current law also states that when a basin has been designated an Area, the Majority can file a petition (Petition) for the approval of a groundwater management plan (Plan) with the Engineer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that the Petition must be signed by the Holders that are on file in the Office of the Engineer who represent the Majority. States that the Holders who represent the majority of groundwater committed in the basin with dates of priority that are older than the date on which appropriations for withdrawal in the basin were equal to the perennial yield of the basin. States that a Holder with a date of priority who does not sign the Petition may not be required to comply with a Plan. Requires the Engineer to review a Plan that has been in effect for 10 years to determine whether there has been progress toward stabilizing the drawdown of water, if not, with certain specified exceptions, the engineer can restrict withdrawals to conform to priority rights. Creates an exception for the restriction of withdrawals to allow a domestic well to continue to withdraw 0.5 acre-foot of water per year if a water meter has been installed to record the withdrawal. Requires the Engineer, beginning on October 1, 2033, to review any Plan approved before October 1, 2033 to determine whether there has been progress toward stabilizing the drawdown of water, if not, restrict withdrawals. 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources Upcoming Meeting: 3/14/2023. 3:30pm.
SB 113	595	Chapter 533 Chapter 534	Senator Goicoechea	Revises provisions relating to groundwater management plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main changes from SB 254 (2021): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 17 (and conforming through): Addition of language to "protective hairstyle" meaning hair style and texture, as well as "race" associated with hairstyle and texture Section 24 procedure for received complaint of unlawful practice Section 26 removal of action taken by the Commission if an agreement is made, including the agreement made public unless agreed to by both parties Section 27 is new Section 35 adds new language that it is unlawful for proof of income greater than three times the monthly rent or lease to be required Section 37 is new 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources 2/2/2023. Heard, No Action.
SB 143	1	233 239B 118	Senator Dina Neal	Revises provisions relating to discrimination in housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of remote technology during time that an emergency declaration is in place 		Referred to Committee on Government Affairs Upcoming Meeting: 3/8/2023. 3:30pm
SB 156	884	241	Senator James Ohrenschall	Revises the Open Meeting Law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Account for Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights (Account) to be administered by the State Engineer (Engineer). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the money in the Account only be expended for the purchase of water rights in groundwater basins that are over appropriated. Establishes the Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights Program (Program) to be administered by the Engineer and outlines the requirements of the Program. Requires the Engineer to adopt regulations to carry out the Program. 		Referred to Committee on Government Affairs
SB 176	79	Chapter 533 Chapter 534 Chapter 233B	Senator Pete Goicoechea	Establishes provisions relating to the conservation of groundwater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current law states that a board of county commissioners (Board) can levy certain special assessments for certain expenses relating to the groundwater basin which must be deposited in the State Treasury for credit to the basin well account. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States that upon approval of the Board, the Engineer can use the money in the basin well account to purchase and retire water rights in that particular ground water basin. Prohibits the appropriation of water that has been withdrawn by the Program. Makes an appropriation to the Account in the amount of \$5 million. 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

SB 180	597	534	Senator Goicoechea	Revises provisions relating to groundwater boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes a board of county commissioners (Board) to request that the State Engineer (Engineer) establish a groundwater board and appoint 7 members. • Authorizes a Board to appoint a nonvoting member to the groundwater board. • States that the groundwater board must be dissolved after 4 years unless the Engineer approves a request from the Board to continue the ground water board. • States that the groundwater board can be dissolved by a majority vote. • Requires the Engineer consider the written advice and recommendations of the groundwater board on reducing over pumping in the designated basin. 		Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
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