



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

## 2023 Legislative Session

### Week 11 Report

### April 17 - 21, 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. 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. 86](#) (Assemblywoman Hardy) – Revises provisions relating to animal welfare

[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

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



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[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. 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 marshals of municipal courts.

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

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



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[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. 444](#) (Backus) Revises provisions governing child welfare

[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 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

[S.B. 20](#) (NACO) – Revises provisions relating to the process for filling a vacancy in a board of county commissioners

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

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

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

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



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

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

[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. 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. 269](#) (Ohrenschall) – Revises provisions related to animal cruelty.

[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

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



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[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. 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. 400](#) (Neal, Flores, Donate; D’Silva) - Revises provisions governing taxation related to the funding of metropolitan police departments and programs to address homelessness.

[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 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.



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- 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. 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 66 years of age or older.

- Amendment submitted 4/13/2023 changing the age of eligibility for the program authorized by the bill from 55 to 66, and revising the funding source for the program to the state general fund.

## **Bills of Interest That Have Failed to Meet a Deadline (Dead Bills)**

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

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

[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



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

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

- Amendment submitted 4/12/2023 to expand bill to all elected county officers

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

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

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

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

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

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

[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;



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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 17**

##### Assembly Commerce and Labor

- S.B. 132 (Pazina, Scheible, Spearman, Cannizzaro, Hansen, Daly, Dondero Loop, Flores, Hammond, Harris, Krasner, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Seevers Gansert, Stone; O'Neill, Yeager, Watts) – Revises provisions relating to insurance coverage for living organ donors.

#### **Wednesday, April 19**

##### Joint Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means

- Budget Closings – Office of the Secretary of State

##### Senate Government Affairs

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

##### Senate Growth and Infrastructure

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

#### **Thursday, April 20**

##### Assembly Ways and Means

- [A.B. 140](#) (Thomas, Cameron Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Marzola, Torres, Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, Considine, D'Silva, Duran, González, Gorelow, Jauregui, Kasama, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Brittney Miller, Mosca, Newby, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Watts and Yeager; Spearman, Neal, Krasner, Cannizzaro, Nguyen and Lange) – Makes Juneteenth Day a legal holiday in this State.

#### **Friday, April 21**

##### Assembly Government Affairs

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

### **Preview of the Week Ahead**

**Tuesday, April 25** – First House Passage Deadline

#### **Wednesday, April 26**

Assembly Health and Human Services



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- [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.

## Senate Growth and Infrastructure

- [A.B. 56](#) (Committee on Growth and Infrastructure) – Revises provisions relating to the operation of certain motor vehicles on certain portions of a highway.

### Testify in Support

- [A.B. 144](#) (La Rue Hatch, Summers-Armstrong, Anderson, Watts, Gonzalez, Considine, Orentlicher) – Revises provisions governing the sale of certain lighting products.



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