

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

NEVADA'S FEDERAL GRANT RESOURCE

General Housekeeping

- Welcome
- Training will be recorded
- Today's training video and the resources shared will be posted to the OFA website and sent out via e-mail to all those registered for the event
- If you a question, please drop it in the chat
- Close Captioning is available, please click the CC button at the bottom of your screen



About Us

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance, or OFA, was created with the passage of Assembly Bill 445 of the 81st Legislative Session, effective July 1, 2022

Vision

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance supports our stakeholders in obtaining, increasing, and maximizing federal assistance.

Mission

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance reduces barriers by providing inclusive, collaborative, comprehensive, and centralized support in obtaining federal dollars for Nevada.



OFA Technical Assistance

- Free technical assistance (TA) to all stakeholders
- We answer questions about grants during all phases of the grant lifecycle
- Technical Assistance includes (but is not limited to):
 - Grant Discovery
 - Grant Writing Mentorship & Review
 - Grant Management & Monitoring
- Email us at grants@ofa.nv.gov
- Call us at (775) 684-0156





Connecting People to Policy

NEVADA LEGISLATURE: CONNECTING PEOPLE TO POLICY

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OVERVIEW

- The Capital
- Legislative Structure
- The Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)
- The Legislative Process

- Bill Draft Requests (BDR)/Fiscal Notes
- Tips for Testifying Before Legislative Committees
- Resources for Tracking Legislation and Policy



LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE

SENATE

21 Members, 4-Year Terms

ASSEMBLY

42 Members, 2-Year Terms

REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS-BIENNIAL

- Regular sessions are held during odd-numbered years
- Begin on the first Monday in February
- Are limited to 120-calendar days
- The 83rd Legislative Session starts on February 3, 2025





LEGISLATIVE INTERIM

- 20 months between sessions
- Assembly Bill 443 (2021)
- Nine Joint Interim Standing Committees
 - Commerce and Labor
 - Education
 - Government Affairs
 - Growth and Infrastructure
 - Health and Human Services
 - Judiciary
 - Legislative Operations and Elections
 - Natural Resources
 - Revenue





THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU (LCB)

- The LCB is the nonpartisan, central staff for the Nevada Legislature.
- No paid political staff is employed by the Bureau.
- Lobbying by LCB staff is prohibited.
 - No campaign or political activities.
 - Cannot display items that advocate for a candidate or partisan activity.



THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU: Today

- Over 300 permanent staff.
- Additional temporary staff is hired for sessions only.
- Consists of five divisions:
 - Administrative
 - Audit
 - Fiscal Analysis
 - Legal
 - Research



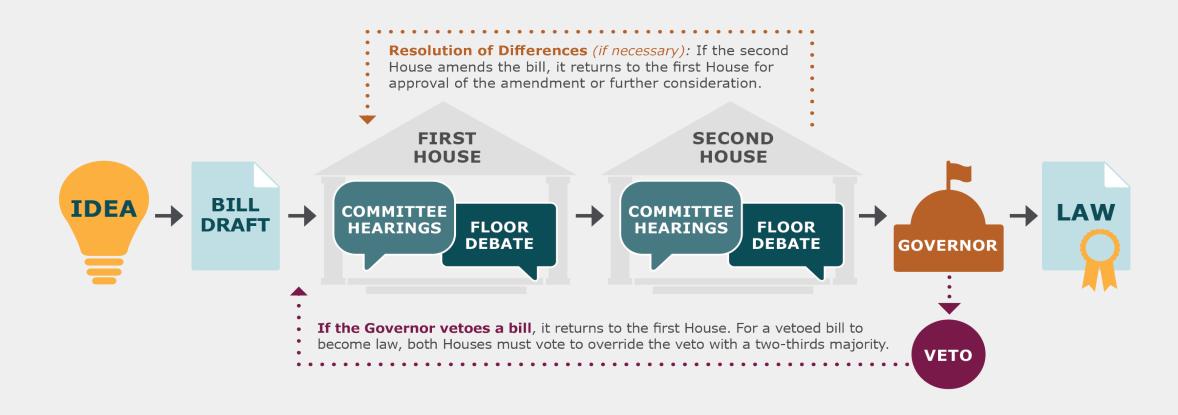
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU: Research Division

- Provides policy analysis and prepares reports and publications on topics of interest to legislators and the public.
- Houses the Research Library, an excellent source of information for legislative documents and research materials.
- Contains a Constituent Services Unit (CSU) that assists legislators with questions and requests from the citizens in their districts.
- Provides primary committee staff support to nearly all policy committees during session and throughout the interim.



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW





LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: IDEAS BECOME BILLS

WHERE BILLS COME FROM

- Idea for a bill (constituents, legislative hearings, personal experiences, ideas from your campaign);
- Policy analysis and research on the idea (information from our research/policy staff, needed changes to current law, national organizations, model legislation from other states, et cetera); and
- "Hot topics" from other states and responses to national trends.

After the idea is formulated, researched, and refined, the legislator submits a BDR to the Legal Division of the LCB. The Legal Division prepares the BDR and delivers it to the sponsor (requester).

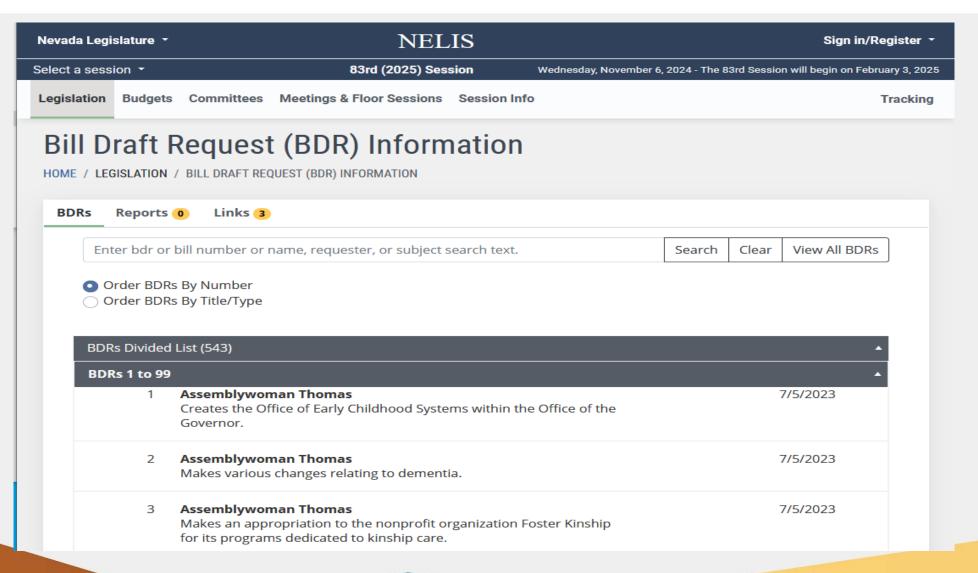


LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: BILL DRAFT REQUESTS (BDR)

- On July 1 preceding each regular session, and each week thereafter until the
 adjournment of the Legislature sine die, the Legislative Counsel shall prepare a list of all
 requests received by the Legislative Counsel for the drafting of legislative measures for
 the regular session.
- Incumbent members of the Assembly: 10 BDRs, newly elected members: 6 BDRs.
- Incumbent members of the Senate: 20 BDRs, newly elected members: 12 BDRs.
- Additional BDRs from Chairs of Standing Committees/Leadership.
- Requests from interim committees.
- Requests from Governor, Constitutional Officers, Supreme Court, local governments, and other bodies.



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: BILL DRAFT REQUEST LIST





A.B. 18

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 18-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DIVISION OF ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION)

Prefiled November 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY-Revises provisions relating to the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services of the Department of Administration. (BDR 19-218)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets formitted material! is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to governmental administration; revising the definitions of certain terms related to the provision of information services to using agencies by the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services of the Department of Administration; revising the composition of the Division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services of the Department of Administration that consists of: (1) the Administrator; (2) the Enterprise Application Services Unit; (3) the Communication and Computing Unit; and (4) the Office of Information Security. Existing law further provides that the Communication and Computing Unit consists of a Communications Group and Telecommunications Group. (NRS 242.080) Section 4 of this bill provides instead that the Division consists of: (1) the Administration Unit, of which the Administrator is the head; (2) the Client Services Unit; (3) the Computing Services Unit; (4) the Network Services Unit, which consists of a Network Transport Services Group and Telecommunications Group; and (5) the Office of Information Security. Sections 8-13 and 15 of this bill make conforming changes related to the revisions to the composition of the Division.

Existing law defines "equipment" in relation to the responsibilities and duties of the Division as any machine or device designated for the automatic handling of





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Sec. 2. NRS 242.057 is hereby amended to read as follows: 242.057 "Information system" means any communications or computer equipment, [computer] software, firmware, procedures, personnel or technology used to [collect.] acquire, store, process, manage, use, maintain, display, distribute for store, dispose of,

transmit or retrieve data or information.

Sec. 3. NRS 242.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:

242.071 1. The Legislature hereby determines and declares that the creation of the Division of Enterprise Information 10 Technology Services of the Department of Administration is necessary for the coordinated, orderly and economical processing of data and information in State Government, to ensure economical use of information systems and to prevent the unnecessary proliferation of equipment and personnel among the various state agencies.

2. The purposes of the Division are:

(a) To perform information services for state agencies.

(b) To provide technical advice but not administrative control of the information systems within the state agencies and, as authorized, of local governmental agencies.

Sec. 4. NRS 242.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

242.080 1. The Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services of the Department is hereby created.

The Division consists of [the]:

(a) The Administration Unit. The Administrator fand the:

(a) Enterprise Application is the head of the Administration Unit.

(b) The Client Services Unit.

(c) The Computing Services Unit.

(e) (d) The Network Services Unit.

(e) The Office of Information Security.

3. A [Communications] Network Transport Services Group and a Telecommunications Group are hereby created within the Communication and Computing Network Services Unit of the

Sec. 5. NRS 242.141 is hereby amended to read as follows:

242.141 To facilitate the economical processing of data or information throughout the State Government, the Division may provide service for agencies not under the control of the Governor, upon the request of any such agency. The Division may provide services, including, without limitation, purchasing services, to a local governmental agency upon request, if provision of such services will result in reduced costs to the State for equipment and



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LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: POLICY COMMITTEES

EIGHT POLICY COMMITTEES IN EACH HOUSE

- Commerce and Labor
- Education
- Government Affairs
- Growth and Infrastructure
- Health and Human Services
- Judiciary
- Legislative Operations and Elections
- Natural Resources



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: REVENUE AND MONEY COMMITTEES

EACH HOUSE ALSO HAS TWO MONEY RELATED COMMITTEES:

- Revenue (Tax); and
- Finance (Senate) and Ways and Means (Assembly).



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: COMMITTEE ACTION

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

- When the committee might act:
 - At the committee hearing (same day the bill is heard); or
 - At a subsequent work session.
- A bill dies if no action is taken by the committee passage deadline (unless the bill is exempt from the deadlines.)
- Committee First House Deadline
- Committee Second House Deadline



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee Chair responsibilities:

- Schedule bill hearings;
- Agendas;
- Ensure all meetings are public;
- Conduct most meetings via videoconference between Carson City and Las Vegas; and
- Encourage the public to participate.

Sponsor's responsibilities:

- Present the bill;
- Identify and notify speakers;
- Keeping the Committee Chair informed; and
- Track the progress of the bill.



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: COMMITTEE ACTION

COMMITTEE HEARINGS – COMMON COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- Do Pass
- Amend and Do Pass
- Do Adopt
- Rerefer (with or without recommendation)
- Indefinitely Postpone (IP)
- No Action



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: FLOOR DEBATE

- Bill is reported out of committee with a recommended action.
- Second Reading and amendment of bill:
 - Bill is read a second time;
 - Amendments, if any, are considered and adopted; and
 - If adopted, the bill is reprinted and "engrossed".
- Third Reading and General File:
 - Bill is read for the third time on General File and additional amendments are considered; and
 - General file—merits of the bill are debated, and a final vote is taken.
- First House Passage Deadline
 - Exemptions may apply for certain fiscal measures or bills relating to legislative business.
- Second House Passage Deadline



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION OF HOUSE DIFFERENCES (IF NECESSARY)

- If the bill has no amendments in the second house, it is referred to the Governor for signing.
- If the bill is amended by the second house:
 - Does the first house "<u>Concur</u>" with the second house's amendment? If so, the bill is sent to the Governor.
 - o If the first house does not concur (does not agree with) the second house's amendment, does the second house "<u>Recede</u>" its amendment? If so, the bill is sent to the Governor.
 - If the second house does not recede, the bill is assigned to a conference committee.



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR:

- Sign the bill;
 - Within five days if the Legislature is in session (excluding the day of receipt and Sundays);
 - Within ten days if the Legislature has adjourned (excluding the day of receipt and Sundays);
- Veto the bill; or
- Not sign the bill within the period allowed (effectively allowing the bill to go into law without the Governor's signature).



LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

If the Governor vetoes the bill when the Legislature is still in session:

- The bill is returned to the House of origin; and
- A two-thirds vote in both houses is needed to override.

If the Governor vetoes the bill when the Legislature is no longer in session:

The bill returns the following session.

NOTE: The Legislature can choose whether or not to override or sustain the veto of vetoed bills.



PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE: Preparation

- Understand the process.
- Be flexible with the length of the presentation.
- Be strategic with your goals.
- Be aware of the rules, and what the Chair wants.
- Check the schedule, and be at the right place at the right time.

- Watch a committee meeting ahead of time.
- Check the media for breaking news.
- Remember that legislative meetings may be conducted via videoconference in both Carson City and Las Vegas.
- Sometimes public testimony is also allowed via call-in telephone participation.
- PRACTICE.



PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE: The Presentation

- Dress professionally.
- The first 30 seconds are very important.
- Know how to greet the Chair and audience (Chair _____).
- Summarize, be accurate but not too technical.
- Avoid jargon.

- Use handouts sparingly.
- Use PowerPoint presentations selectively.
- Remember: YOU are the expert.
- Be flexible sometimes agenda items are taken out of order.
- Make eye contact.



PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE: The Presentation-Continued

- Thank the Chair and Committee for the opportunity to speak.
- State your name and organization.
- Clearly state your position, and whether you support or oppose in the bill.
- Refer to the bill by its number and be sure you are using the most recent version.
- Summarize your recommendations first, then add further explanation.
- Conclude with a brief statement reiterating your position and offer to answer questions.



PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE: The Presentation-Continued

- Bring enough copies of all written materials for members and staff, and ensure you provide them in advance for uploading to the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) program.
- Consider providing a written copy of your testimony for the record (electronic preferred).

Do Not:

- Repeat statements or testimony already given by others (you may state for the record that you agree with certain testimony, but do not repeat it).
- Talk longer than necessary to make your point.



PROVIDING TESTIMONY TO THE LEGISLATURE: Questions

- Try to anticipate.
- "I don't know" is often the correct answer.
- Think before answering.
- Go through the Chair when responding (the Chair may then permit you to respond directly to the committee member.)

IMPORTANT – Triple check your facts and figures and be prepared to explain the source of your data. Remember, what you say will become part of the public record.



ADVOCATING YOUR ISSUES

- Choose a Legislator(s) who you think will support your position.
- Explain the positive aspects and benefits of your suggested legislation.
- Explain what the opposition might be.
- Prepare the Legislator.
- Be calm, controlled, and prepared.
- Think your position through and weigh all sides of the issue.
- Present your position in a non-threatening and professional manner.



ADVOCATING YOUR ISSUES

Do Not:

- Lecture.
- Be disrespectful toward members of the public or staff.
- Make demands or threatening statements.
- Disrupt the meeting.
- Use civil disobedience.



READING A BILL

HEADING:

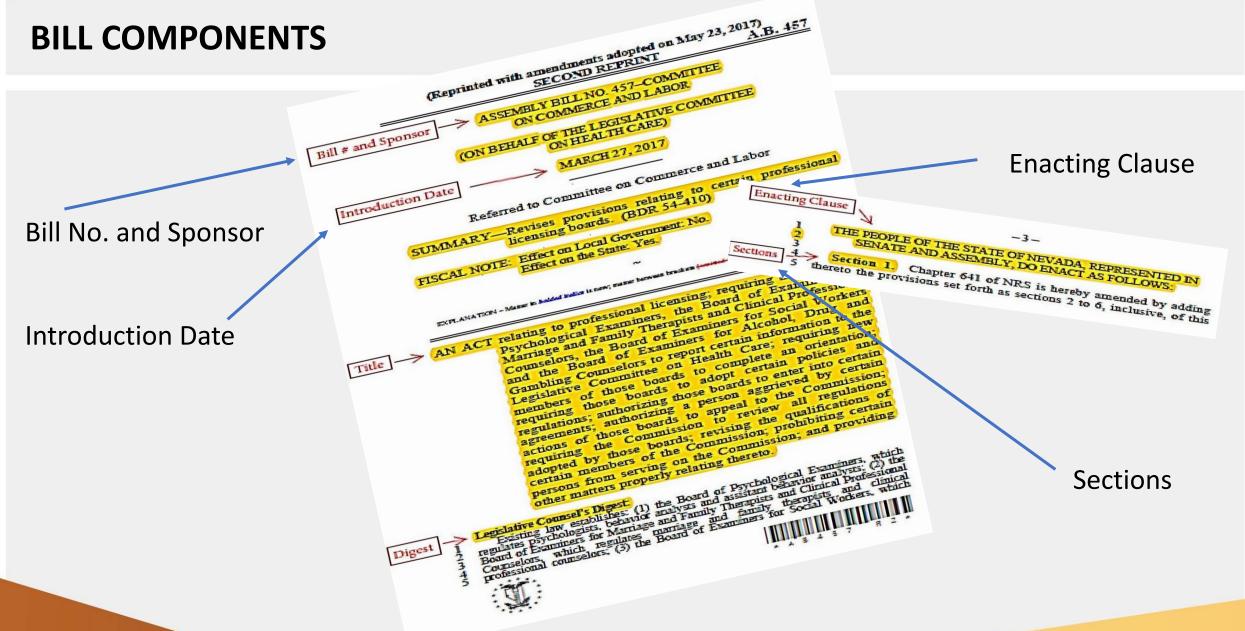
 Contains information on who requested the bill, which committee the bill was referred to, a summary and BDR number, Fiscal Note status, and certain other information as needed.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST:

• Summarizes how the bill changes current law (very helpful), but note the Digest is <u>not</u> part of the bill and does <u>not</u> become part of the law.



BILL COMPONENTS





READING A BILL

Section headings (black)

Identify new *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) provision being added or existing NRS provision being amended

- Italicized and bolded language (blue)
 New wording to be added to NRS
- Bracketed and crossed out language (red)
 Proposed for deletion from NRS

- (c) One or more public or private entities from this State, the District of Columbia or other states or territories of the United States for the collaborative purchasing of prescription drugs in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 277.110.
- 3. A contract entered into pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 2 must:
 - (a) Include the provisions required by NRS 422.4056; [and]
- (b) Require the pharmacy benefit manager or health maintenance organization, as applicable, to disclose to the Department any information relating to the services covered by the contract, including, without limitation, information concerning dispensing fees, measures for the control of costs, rebates collected and paid and any fees and charges imposed by the pharmacy benefit manager or health maintenance organization pursuant to the contract :: and
- (c) Require the pharmacy benefit manager or health maintenance organization to comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the provision of prescription drugs under the State Plan for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to the same extent as the Department.
- 4. In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection 3, a contract entered into pursuant to:



EFFECTIVE DATES

- Bills without a specific effective date become law on October 1 after the session.
- Bills effective on "passage and approval" become law when they are signed or allowed to become law by the Governor.
- Bills may be made effective on July 1 of a certain year (to coincide with the start of a fiscal year) or January 1—or any other date on the bill.



BILL TRACKING

Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS)

Information always available: bills – reports – bill actions and status.

Personalized Legislative Tracking (PLT)

- Subscription to BDRs, bills, and budgets (up to ten bills for free).
- Notifications of hearings and status (not a free option).
- Various subscription levels.

Email: publications@lcb.state.nv.us

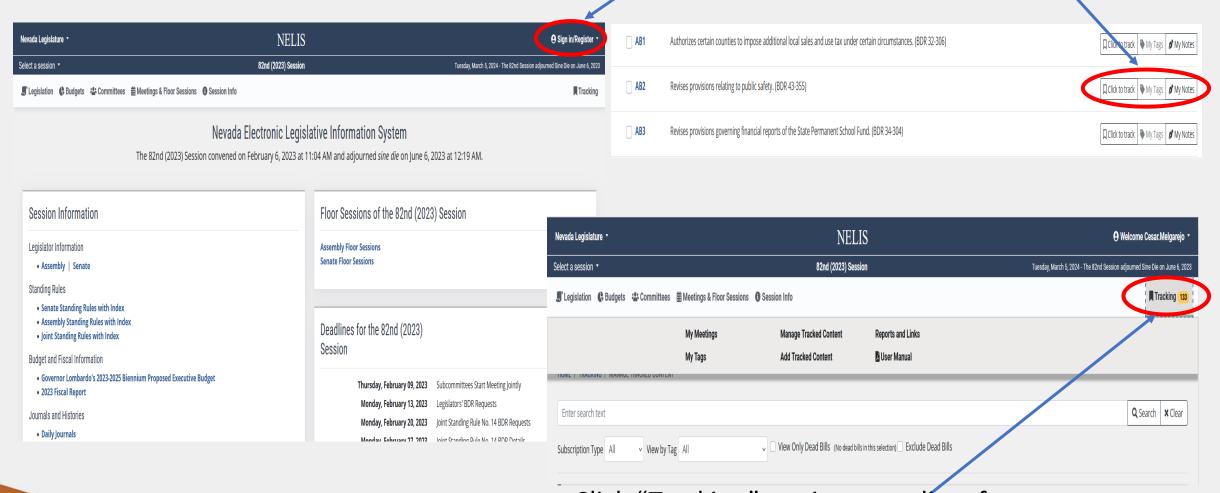
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BILL TRACKING

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Click to Track



Click "Tracking" to view your list of tracked bills and updates

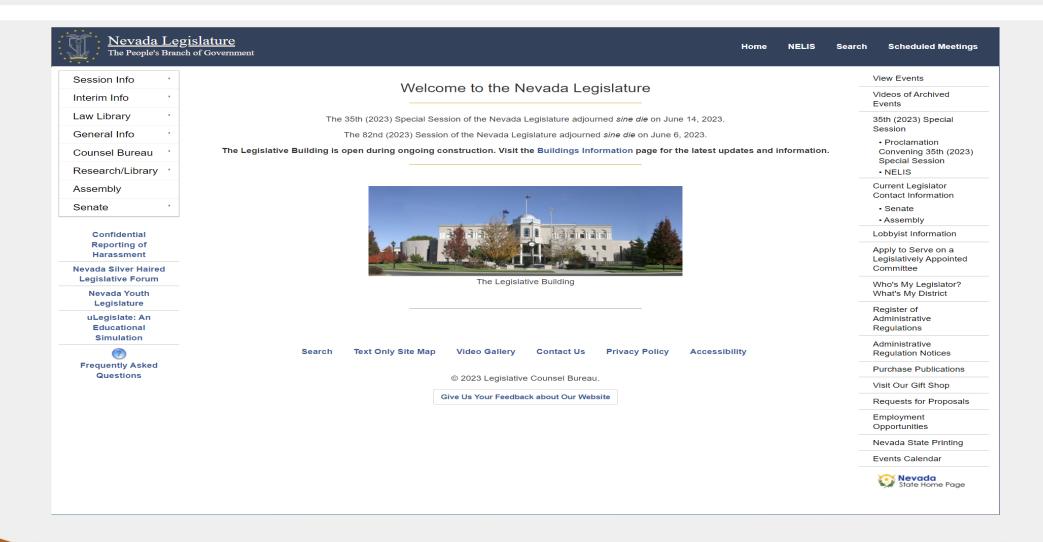


WAYS TO STAY INFORMED AND INVOLVED

- Sign up for bill tracking;
- Search the BDR list (limited information until introduction);
- Listen to or watch current or past hearings online;
- Check website for updates: www.leg.state.nv.us;
- Track legislative documents using NELIS;
- Get to know legislators and legislative staff;
- Attend interim meetings, committee hearings, or floor sessions during session;
- Register to follow interim committees;
- Provide public testimony at a hearing;
- Submit comments to the committee in writing; and
- Talk to the Legislators.



WWW.LEG.STATE.NV.US/





REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Nevada Legislature is committed to making its activities, programs, and services accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
- To ensure that everyone can fully participate in government and has equal access to information, the Legislature provides the following accommodations upon request: interpreters, communications access real time translation (CART), assistive listening devices, bill text or publications in large print, and meeting audio or video transcripts.
- Requests for these or other accommodations should be directed by email to accessibility@lcb.state.nv.us or by phone at (775) 684-6903.
- Requests should be made 72 hours in advance whenever possible. The Nevada
 Legislature may not be able to provide accommodations requested less than 72 hours
 prior to an event or meeting.



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