

Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 1, 2017
TO: Chairman and Members, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”)
FROM: John B. Rhodes, Legal Counsel
SUBJECT: Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature that may affect or are of interest to the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”).

The following staff report lists Bills pending in the 2017 Nevada Legislature, as of June 1, 2017, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. Pending Bills are noted with an Assembly ("AB") or Senate ("SB") designation, and the complete language of each Bill is available by clicking on the corresponding link contained in the electronic version of this report. The date following the BDR number in parentheses indicates the date the BDR was introduced as a Bill. WRWC staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee will track these Bills, recommend positions to be taken, provide periodic updates to the NNWPC, and submit staff and/or the Subcommittee's recommendations to the WRWC, at its regular meetings, for possible approval and ratification or revision.

Bill Drafts Requested and Bills Introduced**Water Issues**

BDR/Bill	Requester	
AB138	Assemblywoman Carlton Authorizes collection of rainwater, without a water right, for certain domestic and wildlife support uses. (BDR 48-445, 2/10/17) [Duplicates SB74, Section 1. Amended, passed, to Governor 5/27]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB159	Assemblyman Watkins Prohibits hydraulic fracturing in this State. (BDR 46-593, 2/13/17) [Exempt]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB209	Assemblyman Oscarson Relaxes provisions governing the forfeiture and abandonment of water rights for non-use during drought conditions and in over-appropriated basins. (BDR 48-308, 2/13/17) [Amended, passed, approved by Governor 5/26, effective 7/1/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB47	Senate Committee on Natural Resources Makes various changes relating to the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-499, 11/16/16) [Amended, passed, still in to Assembly 5/26.]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB51	Water Resources, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources Revises provisions related to the adjudication of vested water rights and the appropriation of water. (BDR 48-180, 11/16/16) [Amended, passed, approved by Governor and effective 5/26/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB74	Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Revises provisions relating to the planning and the development of water resources. (BDR 48-178, 11/17/16) [Exempt]	Subcommittee Position Support Section 1 only, Neutral / Watch on rest

BDR/Bill	Requester	
SB138	Senator Hardy Authorizes the creation of a local improvement district for a waterfront maintenance project. (BDR 22-678, 2/13/17) [Amended, passed, to Governor 5/30]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
SB270	Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Water (NRS 218E.200) Revises provisions relating to water. (BDR 48-359, 3/15/17) [Amended, waiver granted 5/29]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch

Ethics Issues

SB84	Commission on Ethics Makes various changes to the Nevada Ethics Commission. (BDR 23-250, 7/21/16) [Amended, passed, to Enrollment 5/30]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
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Other Issues of Interest

AB34	Division of State Lands, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Makes various changes relating to state lands. (BDR 26-179), 11/16/16) [Amended, passed, approved by Governor 5/26, effective 7/1/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB205	Assemblyman Nelson Araujo Revises provisions relating to cremation. (BDR 40-649, 2/13/17) [Amended, passed, to Senate 4/17]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch
AB375	Assemblyman Sprinkle Allows the imposition of certain county taxes to fund flood management projects of a flood management authority based on the recommendations of a flood control project. Requires committee and voter approval. (BDR S-473, 3/20/17) [Amended, passed Senate, back to Assembly 5/25]	Subcommittee Position Neutral / Watch