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This issue of Legislative Report contains a summary of bills which directly or indirectly will have an impact on our members or be of interest to our members. It does not include industry specific bills.

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Unless otherwise shown, the effective date of bills reported is July 1, 2015.

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TAXES

AB 452 – Assessment Appeal Clarification

Requested by Committee on Taxation and referred to same. (BDR 32-847)

Clarifies the term "owner" and who may file an assessment appeal and a process to address assessor objections to written authorization from the owner.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB452.pdf

AB 464 - Changes to: Modified Business Tax- General Business; State Business License; Bank Branch Tax - 2/3s Required

Requested by Committee on Taxation and referred to same. (BDR 32-851)

Increases the MBT- General Business from 1.17% to 1.56% and reduces the per quarter wage exemption to \$50,000 from \$85,000 per quarter and removes the health insurance deduction. Repeals bank excise tax of \$1,750 per quarter. The annual State Business License Fee is increased to \$500 for corporations and \$300 for all other businesses. Business license renewals for corporations filed under NRS 71 are to include the NAICS business code and gross receipts/sales within and outside the state reported on their IRS filing.

Note: The Business License Fee is currently \$200 annually and was scheduled to revert to \$100 on July 1, 2015. However, see SB 483 (this Issue, this page) which is the Governor's Sunset Repeal Tax Bill, which increases the license fee and makes it permanent.

NTA Comment: This is one of two bills that have been presented as counter proposals. The other bill is SB 378. See Issue 8, page 54

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB464.pdf

Please note: The following two bills on Live Entertainment Tax duplicate AB 393 and AB 392 respectively, reported in Issue 8, Part 1, page 52. Please see that Issue for the descriptions, comments and positions, which also apply to the following two bills.

SB 425 - Live Entertainment Tax: Gaming Properties

Requested by the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development and referred to same. (BDR 41-778)

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB425.pdf

SB 426 - Live Entertainment: Non-Gaming Properties

Requested by the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development and referred to same. (BDR 32-777)

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB426.pdf

SB 455 – Cigarette Tax Increase – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Revenue and Economic Development and referred to same. (BDR 32-779)

Increases the tax on cigarettes to \$1.20 per pack from \$.80 per pack and directs the additional revenue to be deposited in the State General Fund, Account for the Tax on Cigarettes. Wholesalers must pay the increased rate for revenue stamps purchased, but not affixed, as of July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB455.pdf

SB 483- "Sunset" Bill

Introduced on behalf of the Department of Administration by the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development and referred to same. (BDR 32-1182)

Extends the 2 percent MBT paid by financial institutions to mining companies. The MBT - general business rate and threshold are made permanent; 1.17% per quarter and \$85,000 respectively. Delays expiration of the advance payment of the estimated net proceeds tax until June 30, 2016. The local school support tax of .35% is made permanent. Extends for two years the portion of the governmental services tax that is remitted to the State's general fund. Also increases the cigarette tax 40 cents per pack.

Effective: varies to upon passage and approval and July 1, 2015.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB483.pdf

TAXES CONTINUED**SB 507 - Catalyst Fund: Transferable Tax Credits**

On behalf of the Department of Administration, introduced by Committee on Revenue and Economic Development and referred to same. (BDR18-1204)

This bill changes the funding incentive for new or expanding businesses from the Catalyst Fund from a loan or grant to transferable tax credits. The Executive Director is authorized to approve the credits with certain conditions. The transferable credits include the MBT, gross gaming tax and insurance premium tax. The amount of annual credits are: \$500,000 for 2015-16, \$2 million for 2016 - 17, and \$5 million July 1, 2017 and thereafter.

NTA Comment: Given the number of exemptions, abatements and credit bills that have been introduced through March 27, no action should be taken on any of these bills until it can be determined what the potential loss of revenue to the State's general fund will be.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB507.pdf

FEES**AB 429 – State Controller Debt Fee – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 31-1096)

Changes the fee charged by the State Controller for direct collections of debts to a fixed fee of 7% of the debt.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB429.pdf

AB 449 – Boys Scout License Tags – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Transportation and referred to same. (BDR 43-1144)

Special license plates indicating support for the Boy Scouts of American and plates recognizing a person has achieved Eagle Scout status, are in line for two of the 30 statutory slots for special tags. Surety bonds of \$5,000 for each design will be required and the customary \$35 special license tag fee will apply. Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout organizations in the state.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB449

AB 450 – Interstate-11 Toll Road Project – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Transportation and referred to same. (BDR S-1086)

Sets requirements for public-private partnerships to plan, design, finance, construct, operate and acquire rights-of-way for toll road projects along the proposed route of the future Interstate 11. Provides that financing may be done by the private partner or through issue of revenue bonds or notes by the State. NDOT is to submit quarterly reports on each project to the Legislative Commission and Interim Finance Committee and annual reports by February 1 each year.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB450.pdf

AB 461 – Ineligible Candidate Penalties – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of the Secretary of State, requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-614)

Makes knowing and willful false statements of residency or other qualifications in candidate filings a Class C Felony rather than a misdemeanor. Requires one additional proof of residency be produced when filing and adds a statement of understanding of the penalty to the filing form. If a candidate is found to have falsified residency, the candidate is required to pay all court costs of the state and local government.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB461.pdf

AB 474 – Homeowner Association Fees – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 10-1170)

Raises the fee paid by Homeowners Associations per unit from \$3 to \$5 to pay for the actual costs of administering the Office of the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels of the Real Estate Division.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB474.pdf

AB 475 – Real Estate License Fees, Terms

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 54-1171)

The terms of licensure for real estate brokers, broker-salespeople and salespeople are reduced by half (1 year instead of 2 years and 2 years instead of 4 years), with the majority of fees reduced, such as, initial broker and broker-salesperson licenses reduced to \$125 from \$210; salesperson licenses to \$105 from \$170 and branch office licenses to \$140 instead of \$240. Renewal fees for those licenses are \$200, \$180 and \$130 respectively. Current license expiration dates are valid. An Account for Real Estate Administration is created to pay administrative expenses of the Division. A 3-month reserve is to be maintained and overages sent to the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB475.pdf

FEES CONTINUED**AB 476 – Unarmed Combat License Fees – Requires 2/3s Majority**

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 41-1172)

Increases the gross receipts portion of the license fee for unarmed combat promoters from 6 percent to 8 percent. Leaves other provisions of the licensing fee intact. One fourth of gross receipts from admission fees collected is credited to the Athletic Commission's Account. The Governor now designates the Commission chair for a term of two years.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB476.pdf

AB 478 – Developer Fees – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 10-1173)

Increases some fees related to the sale of subdivided land (NRS Chapter 119), including: For each application for an exemption or renewal of exemption from any provision of the chapter the fee is increased to \$550 from \$275; for an amendment to a developer's permit, \$300 from \$150. Adds new fees: For each late permit renewal, \$125; for expedited (w/in 5 days) processing of a complete filing, \$1,000.

Note: Executive Budget item.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB478.pdf

AB 480 – Mortgage Licensees – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 54-1174)

This is an extensive bill covering requirements and license categories related to escrow and mortgage lending. Several sections, named the "Nevada Loan Modification Regulatory Act" and "Nevada Residential Mortgage Servicer Licensing and Regulatory Act" are added to NRS 645. A new license and requirements are created for Mortgage Servicer, including surety bond posting and an initial fee of not more than \$2,500 for the principal office and \$500 for each branch and annual renewal of \$1,000 plus an operating fee based on dollar volume of loans serviced. Several existing license fees are increased, including escrow agency renewals for main office (\$700 from \$200), branch office renewals (to \$400 from \$100), and the application fee for initial or renewal (\$225 from \$100). Mortgage brokers must be licensed as mortgage servicers to service residential mortgage loans.

Note: See also AB 311 in Issue 8, Part I on page 55 under "Fees"

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB480.pdf

AB 484 – License Plate Reissue Schedule – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 43-1179)

Requires the DMV to replace vehicle license plates every 8 years and trailer license plates at the first renewal date after 8 years have passed. The Director may, by regulation, set a fee for the reissuance and other requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2015 for regulations and July 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB484.pdf

AB 486 – Insurance Fees – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 57-1169)

This bill restructures many fees collected by the Commissioner of Insurance and deletes some of the accounts in that office. For example, instead of the \$15 add-on to licensing fees, if the balance in the Insurance Recovery Account is below \$40,000 at the end of any fiscal year, the Insurance Commissioner is authorized to levy a fee of \$10 or less on each licensed insurance producer, adjuster, surplus lines broker, title agent, title insurance and escrow officer. The \$500 annual fee from each casualty or property insurer is repealed as is the Stabilization Account that received those fees. Each authorized casualty, health, life, property, and title insurer, and certain other entities will now pay an initial fee of \$1,000 and an annual fee to be set by the Commissioner and certain other insurers will pay an initial and annual fee of \$1,300. The annual fee of \$30 from certain providers to cover an assessment by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners is repealed.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB486.pdf

SB 439 – Transportation Network Companies – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy and referred to same. (BDR 58-633)

Creates the framework for annual permitting for transportation network companies, such as Uber, through the Public Utilities Commission, which will determine the fees, including an annual assessment to be paid by all such companies in the state. The assessment amount on gross operating revenue will be determined by the Commission's costs for regulation. Minimum qualifications for drivers, annual vehicle inspections, insurance requirements, record-keeping requirements and fare calculation information for passengers are all included. Local governments are prohibited from imposing taxes or fees, certificate or other permit requirements on drivers. The company itself may be required to obtain a business license as applicable to any other business in the jurisdiction.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB439.pdf

FEES CONTINUED**SB 441 – Cottage Food Industry – Requires 2/3s Majority**

Requested by Committee on Commerce, Labor and Industry and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-988)

Adds “acidified foods”, including pickles, salsa and hot sauces, to items approved for cottage industries to prepare and sell. Requires certain training, examination and registration for these preparers by the state’s Department of Agriculture, which may also charge reasonable fees for the services.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB441.pdf

SB 443 – Race Book and Sports Pool Wagers – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Judiciary and referred to same. (BDR 41-1135)

Allows certain businesses to register with the Gaming Control Board to place race book and sports pool wagers for an initial fee of \$1,000 and annual renewal fee of \$500.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB443.pdf

SB 476 – Conservation District Fees

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 49-826)

Upon voter approval, requires county boards to impose a \$25 fee on each parcel in a conservation district. The voter question must be initiated by either petition of the conservation district supervisors or 10% of voters in the conservation district. Money is to be used for purposes of the district. Makes other provisions regarding conservation districts.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB476.pdf

SB 485 – Water Rights – Requires 2/3s Majority

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 48-708)

Requires all claimants of pre-statutory water rights submit proof of the claim to the State Engineer on or before December 31, 2025, regardless of any adjudication orders. Failure to submit such proof results in the claim being extinguished. As of January 1, 2026, requirements for the State Engineer to take proofs are eliminated.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB485.pdf

SB 488 – Animal Remedy Products – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 50-1164)

Requires animal remedies and veterinary biologic and pharmaceutical products to be registered with the Department of Agriculture. The annual registration fee for each product is not to exceed \$75, to be determined by the Department.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB488.pdf

SB 489 - Peer Support Organizations – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-1191)

Adds peer support recovery organizations to the list of facilities for the dependent required to be licensed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, pay all applicable fees, and submit reports as required.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and October 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB489.pdf

SB 492 – Off-Highway Vehicle Registration – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-1175)

Imposes a \$12 fee on dealer license tags for off-highway vehicles and directs revenue to the Highway Fund. Revenue collected for titling and registration of off-highway vehicles is to be deposited in the Revolving Account for Administration of Off-Highway Vehicle Titling and Registration. At least once a quarter, the Department must transfer any excess above \$150,000 in that account to the Account for Off-Highway Vehicles for use by the Commissioner.

Notes: See AB 217 on page 35, Issue 6, under “Fees” heading.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB492.pdf

SB 495 – Commercial Animal Feed Licensing – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 51-1165)

Requires commercial animal feed, including pet food, sold or delivered in the state to be registered with the Department of Agriculture. The annual registration fee for each product is not to exceed \$75, to be determined by the Department. Includes dogs, cats and other domesticated animals in the definition of livestock and requires certain information, such as ingredients, to be included on labels.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB495.pdf

FEES CONTINUED**SB 498 – Community Health Worker Pools – Requires 2/3s Majority**

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-1190)

Adds community health worker pools to the definition of medical facilities for the dependent, thus making them subject to requirements for licensing by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, pay all applicable fees, and submit reports as required.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and October 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB498.pdf

SB 502 – DMV Modernization, Technology Fee – Requires 2/3s Majority

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Transportation. (BDR 43-1177)

Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to charge a \$1 technology fee on transactions specified by regulation of the Director, to be deposited in the newly created Revolving Account for System Modernization. The fee is excluded from computation of administrative costs. Makes an appropriation from the State Highway Fund to the new System Modernization account of \$40,536,613 to upgrade and maintain the IT platform used by the department. These funds do not revert.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB502.pdf

EDUCATION: K-12**AB 446 – Statewide Accountability System**

Requested by Assembly Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-1118)

Allows the Department of Education to develop an alternate statewide system of accountability which public and charter schools may apply to use if certain conditions are met. Prohibits the Department from using the 2015-15 school year for a school's performance rating. Sets a process for charter school sponsors to revoke charters.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB446.pdf

AB 447 – Statewide Performance System

Requested by Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-1120)

In performing teacher evaluations, the 50 percent weight given to pupil achievement data must be based equally on pupil achievement data from statewide examinations and assessments and pupil data from local school district board assessments. Delays implementation of required evaluations of counselors, librarians and others to the 2016-17 school year. Prohibits using pupil evaluations for the 2015-16 school year for teacher evaluations.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB447.pdf

AB 448 – Achievement School District

Requested by Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-746)

Creates the Achievement School District, which is a set of poorly performing public schools converted to Achievement charter schools. The appointed Executive Director is to choose the schools from candidates provided by each school district and may contract with an outside management firms for the district. Teachers not invited to continue at a converted school must be reassigned by the respective district. Once performance has been improved and documented, schools may convert out of the Achievement School District in one of 3 ways. Collective bargaining and charter school laws are addressed.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB448.pdf

AB 483 –Teacher Raises

On behalf of the Governor, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 34-1198)

Requires the board of each school district to reserve funds each year to give teachers a 5 to 10 percent pay raise. Removes the requirement that performance pay and raises be the subject of collective bargaining, effective with the 2016-17 school year.

Fiscal Note: Contains unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

Effective: January 1, 2016

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB483.pdf

SB 424 – K-12 Public Education Stabilization Account

On behalf of Legislative Committee on Education, requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 31-409)

Creates this Account to receive 50% of any money reverted from the DSA account at the end of each biennium. A cap, determined by formula, is put on the amount of funds that may be in the account. The other half of reverted funds are to go into the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation. If a shortfall in the DSA account occurs, the Interim Finance Committee or the Legislature is to use the Education Account funds before the State's Rainy Day Fund.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB424.pdf

EDUCATION: K-12 CONTINUED**SB 462 – Reversion Hold Backs**

Requested by Committee on Education and referred to Committee on Finance. (BDR 34-995)

Requires school districts to ensure that at least 80% of basic support per pupil and any local funds are distributed on a per pupil basis to schools in the district. Allows schools to hold back 5% of unspent funds at the end of each year, with the rest reverting to the state General Fund.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB462.pdf

SB 474 – Great Teaching and Leading Fund

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-1183)

Creates this fund to receive gifts and grants and be administered by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. An array of entities related to professional development for teachers are authorized to apply for grants from the fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB474.pdf

SB 509 – Charter Schools

Requested by Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-1090)

This is an extensive bill revising many provisions of how charter schools are formed, operated, may be consolidated, evaluated and terminated.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2020.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB509.pdf

EDUCATION: NSHE**AB 482 – Veterans Policy Leadership Institute**

On behalf of the Governor, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 34-1197)

Authorizes the Board of Regents to establish the Institute within the NSHE system to increase the amount of research done on improving research on veterans' education, employment and wellness. Other veterans entities are to work with the Institute. Recommendations and reports are required to be submitted to the Governor. Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to prepare a comprehensive report on the funding of the Department and send it to each veteran with an email address on record. Other reports are also mandated.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB482.pdf

GOVERNMENT: GENERAL**AB 479 – Legal Notices**

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 19-1095)

Allows, with some exceptions, publishing of legal notices and advertisements on websites of newspapers or broadcasters, rather than in print. The website owner must publish the internet address where legal notices are printed and must print the mailing address of the state agency where a printed copy of the legal notice or legal advertisement may be obtained, as well as make it available on the website.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB479.pdf

GOVERNMENT: STATE**AB 444 – Advisory Commission on Administration of Justice**

On behalf of the Sunset Subcommittee, requested by Committee on Judiciary and referred to same. (BDR 14-544)

Creates the Subcommittee on Civil Procedure to study civil procedure issues and eliminates the Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, which duplicates the work of a Legislative Commission body. Allows the Commission to request five bill drafts related to its work.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB444.pdf

AB 469 – Budget Office Relocation

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 18-1180)

Creates the Office of Finance in the Governor's Office and transfers the Budget and Internal Audits Division there from the Department of Administration.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB469.pdf

AB 485 – STEM Advisory Council

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR 18-1155)

Moves the Advisory Council on STEM from the Department of Education to the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology and makes it permanent, rather than letting it expire on June 30, 2017.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB485.pdf

GOVERNMENT: STATE CONTINUED**SB 451 – Public Defender Office Changes**

Requested by Committee on Judiciary and referred to same. (BDR 14-514)

Creates the Indigent Defense Commission of 13 Governor-appointed, voting members and transfers the Office of Public Defender to its control from the Department of Health and Human Services. Creates the Indigent Defense Fund for monies collected by the Commission and public defender. The Commission will oversee indigent defense services in the state and extensive provisions are made for how that process will work. Prescribes an amount all counties except Washoe and Clark must pay into the Fund each year. Existing county public defender offices created before July 1, 2015 may continue until the Commission determines an appropriate method for providing services in that county.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB451.pdf

SB 472 – PEBP Eligibility

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 23-1193)

Removes the 90-day waiting period for new employees or other officials to become eligible for participation in PEBP.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB472.pdf

SB 490 – Rainy Day Fund Transfers

Requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 31-1213)

Delays required transfers into the Account to Stabilize the Operation of State Government by one year, to July 1, 2016 and transfers the current balance into the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB490.pdf

SB 509 – PEBP Subsidy Suspension

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR S-1205)

Suspends for the last two months of Fiscal 2014-2015 the subsidy payments by the State for employees in PEBP. Funds that would normally be paid as the PEBP subsidy for those two months is to revert to the General Fund. No suspension is authorized for contributions by employees.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB505.pdf

SB 506 – Account Sweeps

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1207)

Authorizes transfers totaling \$67,073,485 from 25 different accounts back into the General Fund.

Effective: Upon passage and approval

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB506.pdf

GOVERNMENT: LOCAL**AB 426 – PEBP for Local Government Employees**

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 23-1103)

Allows local governments that offer health benefits to employees through PEBP the option of offering retirees a subsidy equal to what the state pays for state retirees for the local government retiree to use to obtain health insurance. This would apply to local government retirees after July 1, 2015. Existing employees must be given 90 days notice and new employees upon hiring.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB426.pdf

AB 445 – Redevelopment Districts: Henderson and Las Vegas

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 22-1100)

Allows the Henderson City Council, by ordinance, to extend its redevelopment plan to 45 years from 30 years if certain conditions are met. Changes the terms to be met before the Las Vegas City Council may extend its redevelopment plan to 60 years. The new terms change the requirements to include the aggregate assessed value of redevelopment projects, rather than individual project assessed values, and eliminate the outstanding indebtedness requirement.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB445.pdf

SB 476 – Conservation District Fees

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. (BDR 49-826)

Upon voter approval, requires county boards to impose a \$25 fee on each parcel in a conservation district. The voter question must be initiated by either petition of the conservation district supervisors or 10% of voters in the conservation district. Money is to be used for purposes of the district. Makes other provisions regarding conservation districts.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB476.pdf

GOVERNMENT: LOCAL CONTINUED**SB 482 – Local Official Compensation**

Requested by Committee on Government Affairs and referred to same. (BDR 20-1117)

Increases by 3 percent in each of the next four fiscal years the annual compensation of district attorneys, sheriffs, county clerks, assessors, recorders, treasurers and public administrators. Eliminates the authority of county commissions to set member salaries and, instead, sets those salaries with 3 percent increases in each of the next four fiscal years. Allows any of these officials to elect not to receive any part of their salary.

Fiscal Note: Contains unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB482.pdf

SB 487 – County Liability for Commitment Costs

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 14-1161)

The Division of Public and Behavioral Health is authorized to assess counties for unrecovered costs for people committed by the courts as incompetent in a Class A or B felony trial. The county of last residence or where the indictment is filed is liable.

Fiscal Note: Contains unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB487.pdf

ELECTIONS**AB 458 – Ward Only Voting**

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR S-1080)

Establishes ward-only voting for primary and general elections for supervisor or council seats in Carson City, Henderson, Reno, and Sparks. For Reno, eliminates the At-Large Council seat and directs a sixth ward to be created instead. The City Council is to redraw ward boundaries by January 1, 2016.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for ordinances and establishing boundaries and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB458.pdf

AB 459 – Voter Eligibility

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1082)

Requires the Secretary of State to adopt regulations to ensure a non-citizen does not submit an application to vote through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Allows the DMV to request information about citizenship from the Social Security Administration. Requires county clerks to cancel the voter registration of a person upon receiving information from DMV or a court that the person is not a citizen. The clerk is required to give notice to the person before such cancellation. In conformance with federal law, no person may be removed from the voting rolls less than 90 days before a primary or general election.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB459.pdf

AB 462 – Election Rosters, Publishing

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-615)

This is an extensive bill addressing many aspects and procedures for elections. Included are provisions to increase the maximum number of voters per precinct from 1,500 to 3,000; reducing to one time the requirement to publish full texts of statewide and county measures in newspapers; authorizes county clerks to publish voter lists on a website rather than printing and it must be updated to show individual voter activity at least four times during the election; Changes the term “election board register” to “roster” in all statutes; and provides authority for county clerks to offer sample ballots by email, among other changes.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB462.pdf

SB 421 – Primary Elections

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1148)

This bill is identical to AB 302, introduced on March 13. See Issue 7, page 48, under “Elections.”

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB433.pdf

SB 433 – Early Voting Locations

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1145)

Requires early voting locations to be near residential areas, geographically distributed evenly, and be available in each assembly district in a multiple-district area. Requires county clerks to publish daily early voting turnout numbers by midnight the following day. Allows early voting locations to stay open until 8 p.m. on Saturdays or open on Sundays.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB433.pdf

ELECTIONS CONTINUED

SB 434 – Initiative and Referendum Petitions

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1150)

Requires filing of a full text, proposed statewide referendum or initiative petition, with no less than 2,000 signatures, with the Secretary of State as the filing process for a petition to be circulated. Those signatures do not count toward the minimum for the petition. Once signatures are verified by county clerks, the petition is considered filed. The process for the Attorney General and Secretary of State, and preparation of necessary statements and arguments are prescribed. The SOS is to prepare a handbook for petition circulators and the names of all paid circulators must be filed in advance. Clarification of the single subject rule is provided.

Fiscal Note: Contains unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB434.pdf

SB 435 – Central Polling Places, Election Registers

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1151)

Requires county clerks to set up and publicize one or more central polling places, subject to county commission approval, for primary and general elections. Requires election registers to be electronic and voters to sign electronically.

Fiscal Note: Contains unfunded mandate not requested by affected local governments.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB435.pdf

SB 436 – Election Procedures

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1146)

Absentee ballots received after an election day must be counted if they were postmarked on or before election day and received by the county clerk not more than 7 days after election day. Any person who intends to conduct a drive and register more than 50 people in a calendar year must first register with the Secretary of State. Changes provisions for voting for people who have changed residences but not updated their registration.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and January 1, 2016 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB436.pdf

SB 437 – Voter Registration

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1147)

This bill creates a system to ensure that non-citizens do not register to vote, including use of E-verify, social security and other validation sources by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Secretary of State. Requires data to be shared by the DMV with the Secretary of State. Sets a system for county clerks to cancel voter registration of a person thought to be a non-citizen.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB437.pdf

SB 499 – Open (“Blanket”) Primaries

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 24-1149)

Allows all candidates, regardless of party affiliation or none, to appear on the primary election ballot, open to all registered voters. The two top vote getters move on to the general election ballot. If the two top vote getters are of the same political party, or both are independent, the third highest vote getter becomes the second candidate in the general election. This provision would not apply if all primary candidates are of the same party or independent.

Effective: October 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB499.pdf

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AB 435 – Additional Judicial District

Requested by Committee on Judiciary and referred to same. (BDR 1-302)

Creates an 11th Judicial District of Humboldt County and moves Mineral County to the Sixth District. Provides that there must be one district judge for the new 11th District and directs the judge from Department 2 of the Sixth District to become the judge for the new 11th District.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB435.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET
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NOTE: All of the following bills are effective on passage and approval unless noted otherwise.

AB 437 – Statutory Contingency Reserve Account

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1217)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$1 million to restore the balance in the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB437.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**AB 438 – Division of Forestry**

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1220)

Appropriates \$259,928 to the Division of Forestry for employee retirement buyouts, terminal leave payments and other termination related costs within the Intergovernmental All-Risk Fire Management Program. Any remaining balance reverts to the General Fund on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB438.pdf

AB 439 – Office of the Military

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1234)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$303,867 for an unanticipated shortfall in fiscal year 2014-15 from additional military leave.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB439.pdf

AB 440 – Commission on Postsecondary Education

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1232)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$33,308 from the General Fund to the Commission on Postsecondary Education for the costs of a one-time terminal leave payment that occurred before the end of Fiscal 2014-15.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB440.pdf

AB 441 – State Controller

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1227)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$35,000 for a one-time terminal leave payment that occurred before the end of Fiscal 2014-15.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB441.pdf

AB 442 – Lieutenant Governor's Office

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1225)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$25,887 from the General Fund for payroll and other costs related to the 2015 Legislative Session.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB442.pdf

AB 443 – Legislative Counsel Bureau

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR

Appropriates \$2,011,073 from the General Fund for the costs of dues and registrations for national organizations (\$778,181) and one-time building maintenance and technology purchases (\$1,232,892). Remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB443.pdf

AB 465 – Department of Public Safety

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1247)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$20,000 to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division for projected costs of visiting dignitary protection assignments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB465.pdf

AB 467 – Department of Corrections

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1235)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$1,224,571 for an unanticipated shortfall in transfers from the Inmate Welfare Account for prison medical care for Fiscal 2014-15.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB467.pdf

AB 468 – Department of Corrections

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Ways and Means and referred to same. (BDR S-1236)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$2,451,233 for shortfalls in personnel costs in the Office of the Director (\$1,279,543), Correctional Programs (\$80,811) and at four of the facilities.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB468.pdf

SB 427 – Attorney General Office

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1226)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$169,000 to replenish extradition funds for fiscal year 2014-15 due to increased extradition costs.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB427.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET CONTINUED**SB 428 – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1223)

Appropriates \$1,142,675 for replacement of emergency response and firefighting equipment and vehicles and \$1,791,351 for the forestry conservation camps to replace critical equipment and vehicles. Any remaining balance reverts to the state on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB428.pdf

SB 429 – State Distributive School Account

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1231)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$77,704,344 for a shortfall resulting from unanticipated increases in K-12 enrollment during the biennium.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB429.pdf

SB 430 – Zoom Schools

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR S-1186)

Appropriates \$49.95 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation to continue the Zoom school program. Of that amount, \$39,035,925 is allocated to Clark County schools in each year and \$6,743,250 is allocated to Washoe schools in each year. The remaining \$4,170,825 in each year is available for distribution to Charter schools and other school districts upon application to Department of Education for limited English proficient programs. Funds from the first fiscal year may roll into the second year, remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017. The Department is charged with developing a reporting system format for long-term limited English proficient pupils for consideration by the 2017 Legislature.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB430.pdf

SB 432 – Victory Schools

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR S-1187)

Appropriates \$25 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the Account for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation for schools and charter schools designated by the Department of Education as Victory Schools by the high percentage of pupils who live in poverty and have low achievement and performance ratings. The board of each district with a Victory school must form a plan to meet the educational needs of these students, including an evaluation of effectiveness measures. The Department is to use some of the funds to hire an outside auditor to evaluate effectiveness. Funds from the first fiscal year may roll into the second year, remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017.

Effective: July 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB432.pdf

SB 467 – Highway Patrol

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1218)

Appropriates \$7,690,412 to the Highway Patrol to replace fleet vehicles and \$326,592 to replace fleet motorcycles, all of which have exceeded the mileage threshold. Any remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB467.pdf

SB 468 – Department of Business and Industry

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1243)

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$88,000 for a shortfall in projected personnel costs at the Nevada Transportation Authority.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB468.pdf

SB 469 – Supreme Court

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1228)

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$588,000 for an unanticipated shortfall in collection of administrative assessments.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB469.pdf

SB 470 – Department of Motor Vehicles

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1248)

Makes a supplemental appropriations of \$100,000 for print on demand services to the Division of Central Services and Records; \$36,523 to the Director's Office for personnel costs; and \$238,784 to the Administrative Services Division for electronic payments and printing costs.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB470.pdf

SB 486 – Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1244)

Makes supplemental appropriations of \$266,653 and \$59,634 for unanticipated employee buyouts and terminal leave payments to the Division of Forestry and forestry conservation camps, respectively.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB486.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET CONTINUED**SB 491 – High Quality Charter Schools**

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1189)

Appropriates \$10 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the Department of Administration to be used for a matching funds grant to a non-profit organization to develop high quality charter schools to serve pupils who live in poverty. The organization is to be chosen from proposals submitted by a Department-appointed committee. Annual reporting is required on expenditures and results. The funds appropriated are available for use in either fiscal year. Remaining funds revert on September 15, 2017.

Effective: July 1, 2015

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB491.pdf

SB 498 – Restore Account Balances

On behalf of Department of Administration, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-1152)

Makes appropriations to restore account balances as follows: State Claims Account, \$2.5 million; Emergency Account, \$500,000; Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account, \$5 million; Contingency Account, \$12 million.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB497.pdf

SB 503 – Breakfast After The Bell

On behalf of the Governor, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-1200)

Makes appropriations of \$1 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the Department of Education for a breakfast program as part of the school day in schools with large numbers of pupils from low income families. Disbursements by the Department are to be allocated according to the percentage of such pupils, beginning with the highest concentration. Annual reporting is required. Remaining funds revert at the end of each fiscal year.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB503.pdf

APPROPRIATIONS NOT INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE BUDGET**AB 430 – Channel Clearing**

Requested by Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 48-1130)

Appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to restore the balance of the Channel Clearance, Maintenance, Restoration, Surveying and Monumenting Program. This DCNR program provides matching grants to local governments for various projects on navigable waterways. The State Engineer is to maintain a list of proposed projects and estimated costs.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB430.pdf

SB 423 – Cloud Seeding

On behalf of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, requested by Committee on Finance and referred to same. (BDR S-483)

Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to award cloud seeding grants to increase the state's supply of water. A report on grants awarded and results, if any, is due to the Legislative Counsel Bureau by January 1, 2017. Remaining funds revert to the state on September 15, 2017.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB423.pdf

SB 493 – STEM Workforce Challenge Grants

On behalf of the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges, requested by Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-594)

Appropriates \$3.5 million to create the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Fund to issue matching grants to support development and implementation of postsecondary programs to create skilled workers for industries in the state. Creates a 7-member Committee to Oversee the STEM Fund to manage the program and sets requirements and procedures for grants. No grant may exceed \$175,000 per year or \$350,000 for a two-year period. This is a continuing fund and its money does not revert.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB493.pdf

SB 494 – College Grant Program

On behalf of the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges, requested by Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-593)

Appropriates \$2.5 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the Board of Regents for the College Grant Program to award needs-based tuition support to community and state college students. A limit of \$2,000 per semester, per student is set and actual awards are based on a prescribed formula that includes family and federal support. Reporting to the Legislature is required. Funds revert on September 15, 2017.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and July 1, 2015 for all other purposes.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB494.pdf

SB 496 – Workforce Development Rapid Response Program

On behalf of the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Community Colleges, requested by Committee on Education and referred to same. (BDR 34-592)

Appropriates \$6 million to the Workforce Development Rapid Response Program, a continuing fund to provide grants to community colleges to assist with development of skilled workers for industries targeted by the Office of Economic Development for growth in Nevada. The grants are to assist community colleges in acquiring equipment and instructors on a quick turn-around to introduce a needed curricula for a degree or certificate program. The Fund and grant awards are overseen by a 7-member Committee.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB496.pdf

GENERAL INTEREST**SB 457 – Super Speed Ground Transportation**

Requested by Committee on Transportation and referred to same. (BDR 58-1106)

Creates the Nevada High-Speed Rail Authority, removing references to California's participation, and allow the Authority to incorporate and to issue bonds and other obligations to finance construction of the system to connect southern Nevada and California. Requires the Authority to select a franchise to construct and operate the system by October 1, 2015.

Effective: Upon passage and approval. Expires upon Governor's proclamation that the system is completed or when all borrowing is retired, whichever is later.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/SB/SB457.pdf

STUDIES**AB 455 – Water Issues**

On behalf of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, requested by the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR S-481)

Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a 7-person committee to study present and future water supplies and allocations, the need to measure groundwater pumping and other matters to enable development of a long-term water plan and supply program. A report is due to the 2017 Legislature.

www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Bills/AB/AB455.pdf

AB 460 – Size of Legislature

Requested by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and referred to same. (BDR 17-1126)

Directs the Legislative Counsel Bureau to study issues relating to logistical impediments to increasing the size of the Legislature before the next reapportionment cycle and transmit the report to the Legislative Commission. States the intent of the Legislature to increase the number of Senate seats to 22 and Assembly seats to 44 after the next census.

Effective: October 1, 2015

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