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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.

## Notes:

- ♦ Page numbers continue in sequence from the last issue.
- ♦ To access the full text of the bills reported in this issue, use the link which appears at the end of the bill summary.
- ♦ Unless otherwise shown, the effective date of bills reported is July 1, 2019. (The Legislative default date is October 1.)
- ♦ Some bills have a fiscal note, which is not indicated in the summary, as specific fiscal information is not currently provided.
- ♦ To review all bills introduced to date or the BDR list, click [here](#) or go to [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) and click on "Session Information – 80<sup>th</sup> (2019) Session."

## EDUCATION: K-12

### **SB 249 – School Libraries**

Introduced by Senators Denis, Dondero Loop, et al. Joint Sponsor Assemblyman Thompson and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-13)

Requires every public school to maintain a library. School districts in counties under 100,000 may apply for a waiver if the district is unable to employ a librarian.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks. July 1, 2019 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6422/Text>

## GOVERNMENT: State

### **SB 254 – Green House Gas Emissions**

Introduced by Senators Brooks, Cancela, et al. Joint Sponsors Assemblymen Peters, McCurdy, et al and referred to Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (BDR 40-907)

Requires the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to issue an annual report concerning greenhouse gas emissions. The report must include the source and amounts of the emissions, a projection of emissions for the 20 years immediately following the report, and a statement of policies that could achieve reductions in emissions.

Effective: October 1, 2019

NTA Comment: Since 2008 a similar report has been required to be issued every four years.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6431/Text>

### **SJR 5 – Annual Legislative Sessions - Constitutional**

Introduced by Senators Woodhouse, Ohrenschall, et al and referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (BDR C-58)

Amends the Nevada Constitution to provide for annual legislative sessions. Regular sessions in odd-numbered years limited to 90 days. Regular sessions in even-numbered years limited to 60 days.

Effective: October 1, 2019

NTA Comment: As a constitutional change, if passed this session, it will be returned to the 2021 Legislative session and if approved for a second time it must be with the same language. It would then appear on the 2022 general election ballot.

**NTA POSITION: PENDING.**

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6427/Text>

### GOVERNMENT: Local

#### **AB 240 – Northern Nevada Growth**

Introduced by Assemblymen Daly, Sprinkle, et al. Joint Sponsors Senators Ratti and Kieckhefer and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (S-1043)

Requires Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe counties to submit a report at the end of each year that identifies issues relating to the orderly management of growth in the county and the region including but not limited to conservation, population, land use, and transportation.

Effective: July 1, 2019 and expires by limitation December 31, 2023.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6429/Text>

### STATE BUDGET: Appropriations NOT in Executive Budget

#### **SB 255 – Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program**

Introduced by Senators Harris, Denis, et al and referred to Committee on Education (BDR 34-790)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$1,750,000 for FY20-21 to create the Nevada Reconnect Scholarship Program and establishes eligibility requirements to apply. Administered by the State Treasurer scholarships will be awarded to eligible students enrolled at a participating community college.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for regulations and administrative tasks. July 1, 2020 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6433/Text>

#### **AB 237 – Out of Pocket Expenses for Teachers**

Introduced by Assemblywoman Munk and referred to Committee on Education. (BDR 34-608)

Makes an appropriation from the General Fund of \$4,500,000 in FY 20 and \$4,500,000 in FY 21 for the purposes of reimbursing educational personnel for out of pocket expenses.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6421/Text>

### GENERAL INTEREST

#### **SB 251 – Residential Golf Course Land Use**

Introduced by Senators Woodhouse and Parks. Joint sponsors Assemblymen Fumo and Cohen and referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 22-60)

Allows an owner of a residential golf course to convert a golf course to any other use of land if the change is approved by appropriate governing body. Establishes requirements of golf course owner to conduct neighborhood meetings, provide evidence that golf course operation is not financially viable, and conduct an environmental impact study of proposed conversion. Details actions required of golf course owner if daily operations are discontinued and provides for actions available to affected land and parcel owners.

NTA Comment: This bill contains an unfunded mandate not requested by the affected local government. It provides the statutory provision (NRS 354.599) that prohibits unfunded mandates to local government does not apply to this bill.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019/Bill/6426/Text>

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