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This issue of Legislative Report contains a continuing summary of pre-filed 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, 2021. (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 and click on "Session Information – 81st (2021) Session.

Legislative Vacancies Filled

Fabian Donate and Tracy Marie Brown-May were unanimously appointed by the Clark County Commission to fill vacancies in two Clark County legislative seats. **Fabian Donate will serve as the State Senator in Senate District 10**, replacing Yvanna Cancela who stepped down to take a position in President Biden's administration. **Tracy Marie Brown-May will serve as the State Assemblywoman representing Assembly District 42**, replacing Alexander Assefa who resigned amid an investigation into campaign finances. The terms of both Donate and Brown-May run through November 2022.

BUSINESS ISSUES

AB 47 – Unfair Trade Practices

Requested by Attorney General. Introduced by Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 52-425)

Provides penalties up to \$1,000 per day for violations of the Nevada Unfair Trade Practice Act instituted by the Attorney General.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7300/Overview>

AB 58 – Authorizes Certain Civil Action by Attorney General

Requested by Attorney General. Introduced by Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 3-417)

Authorizes the Attorney General to file a civil action to eliminate certain patterns or practices that deprive persons of certain rights, privileges or immunities.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7311/Overview>

AB 86 – Wildfire Cost Recovery

Sponsored by Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Wildfires. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 42-111)

Provides that a person, firm, association, or agency may be liable for the expenses incurred in extinguishing a fire or meeting an emergency by a city agency or general improvement district created to furnish fire protection.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7355/Overview>

SB 26 – Protection of Personally Identifiable Information

Requested by Department of Public Safety. Introduced by Committee on Commerce and Labor. (BDR 52-332)

Expands the information which constitutes personal information by including several additional data elements that constitute personal information.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7201/Overview>

SB 71 – Unclaimed Property

Requested by State Treasurer. Introduced by Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 10-398)

Requires holders of property to furnish records in particular formats and issue and enforce administrative subpoenas to obtain records.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7277/Overview>

SCR 1 – Personal Protective Equipment

Requested by Senator Hardy. Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR R-189)

Urges employers in this State to provide personal protective equipment to employees to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Effective: Upon adoption.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7341/Overview>

WORKFORCE / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**AB 29 – Grant Program for the Development and Commercialization of Research and Technology in Nevada**

Requested by Governor’s Office of Economic Development. Introduced by Committee on Revenue. (BDR 18-256)

Authorizes the Executive Director to establish one or more competitive grant programs to address market gaps in the development of technology in this State or to facilitate the research and development of promising technologies. Expands the services to be provided between NSHE and Desert Research Institute.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7271/Overview>

AB 69 – Membership of Economic Development Board

Requested by Governor’s Office of Economic Development. Introduced by Committee on Revenue. (BDR 18-290)

Adds the Director of the Department of Business and Industry as a nonvoting member of the Board.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7322/Overview>

SB 24 – Workforce Development

Requested by Governor’s Office of Economic Development. Introduced by Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. (BDR 18-289)

Requires a program of workforce recruitment, assessment and training approved by GOED to result in certain credentials or an identifiable occupational skill.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7199/Overview>

GOVERNMENT: State and Local**AB 2 – Public Bodies: Appointments**

Requested by Nevada Association of Counties. Introduced by the Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-437)

Removes the prohibition against gubernatorial appointees serving simultaneously on more than one board or commission.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7220/Overview>

AB 65 – Ethics in Government

Requested by Ethics Commission. Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR-23-257)

Makes various changes to the statutory ethical standards and restates the existing scope of the statutory ethical standards and their applicability to the conduct of current and former public officers and employees.

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/81st2021/Bill/7318/Overview>

AB 86 – Wildfire Cost Recovery

Sponsored by Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Wildfires. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 42-111)

Refer to BUSINESS ISSUES this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7355/Overview>

SB 60 – Special License Plate and Distribution of Funds to Pollution Control Account

Requested by Department of Motor Vehicles. Introduced by Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. (BDR 43-307)

Makes changes to the issuance of special license plates and removes provisions of AB 63 approved during the 2019 session related to disbursement of excess funds to local pollution control agencies in a county.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7245/Overview>

SB 77 – Open Meeting Law Exemption

Requested by Legislative Committee on Public Lands. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-466)

Exempts from the requirement of the Open Meeting Law certain meetings conducted by an agency with an MOU or other agreement for the purpose of engaging in pre-decisional and deliberative discussions relating to a decision under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7340/Overview>

GOVERNMENT: State

AB 13 – Changes to Annual Financial Reporting

Requested by State Controller. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 18-353)

Revises the required contents in the annual financial report to address the changes from the preceding fiscal year. Report must include the assets, liabilities and resources of the State as well as the expenditures and revenues for the programs provided by the State.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7253/Overview>

AB 62 – Nevada ABLE Savings Program

Requested by State Treasurer. Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 38-397)

Permits State Treasurer to apply for and accept any gift, grant, donation, bequest or other source of money to carry out the Nevada ABLE (Achieving Better Experience Act) Savings Program.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7315/Overview>

AB 86 – Wildfire Cost Recovery

Sponsored by Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning Wildfires. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 42-111)

Refer to BUSINESS ISSUES this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7355/Overview>

SB 47 – Public Borrowing

Requested by State Treasurer. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 30-395)

Senate Bill 4 of 31st special session authorized treasurer to issue interim debentures of up to \$150,000,000 in the case of a fiscal emergency. This bill removes the expiration date, thereby authorizing the issuance of such interim debentures on or after July 1, 2021.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

NTA Comment: Why is the State Board of Financing being removed from the approval process when the legislature is not in regular or special session?

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7224/Overview>

SB 81 – State Employee Salaries

Sponsored by Senator Hardy. Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 23-618)

Increases the limit on the salary of certain state employees from 95 percent to 150 percent of the Governor’s salary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7345/Overview>

GOVERNMENT: Local**AB 1 – Legislator Training Expanded**

Requested by Nevada Association of Counties. Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-438)

Requires legislator training to include the structure, authority, and financial administration of local governments.

Effective: January 1, 2022.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7213/Overview>

AB 63 – Expands Use of Stabilization Fund

Requested by Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 31-404)

Expands the use of funds to stabilize operation of local government to include mitigating the effects of an emergency which is declared by the local government.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7316/Overview>

SB 13 – Collective Bargaining: Fund Balance

Requested by City of Las Vegas. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 31-370)

Provides that a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 25 percent of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, is not subject to negotiation in collective bargaining arbitration.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7188/Overview>

SB 79 – Incorporation of the City of Laughlin

Requested by Senator Hardy. Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR S-190)

Provides a charter for the City of Laughlin in Clark County, Nevada. The Charter sets forth the boundaries of the city and provides that the City Council appoints the City Manager. Also provides that the City Council consists of four members and a Mayor; and sets forth the powers of the City Council.

Effective: Vary from upon passage and approval to July 1, 2023.

NTA Comment: The incorporation of Laughlin has previously been the issue of legislation. 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/81st2021/Bill/7343/Overview>

EDUCATION: K-12**AB 38 – Technical Education Advisory Committee**

Requested by Department of Education. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-302)

Revises the duties of an advisory technical skills committee and the subjects concerning which the superintendent of a school district is required to consult stakeholders. Also, exempts an advisory technical skills committee from provisions of law requiring meetings of a public body to be open and public.

NTA Comment: Why shouldn’t this Advisory committee be subject to the open meeting law?

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7289/Overview>

AB 56 - Requires Instruction on the Holocaust and Genocide in High School

Requested by Lieutenant Governor. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-426)

Establishes the account for instruction on the holocaust and genocide in the state general fund.

Effective: Section 1 upon passage and approval, sections 2-3 July, 1, 2022

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/81st2021/Bill/7309/Overview>

SB 27 – Teacher Incentives

Requested by Department of Education. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-326)

Creates the Account for Teacher Incentives to receive appropriations and authorizes the use of money in the Account to pay such incentives. Other changes include, but are not limited to, prohibiting the use of funds from the Account to directly purchase supplies to providing for additional educational licenses.

Effective: Vary from July 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7202/Overview>

SB 66 - Nevada K-16 Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission

Requested by Clark County School District. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-430)

Creates Connectivity and Innovation Advisory Commission to develop a financial model for the sustainability and financial stability of telecommunications networks, services and equipment affiliated with K-12 public education and NSHE.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7255/Overview>

SB 68 – Permanent School Fund

Requested by State Treasurer. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 31-399)

Increases the maximum amount of money the State Treasurer is authorized to transfer from the State Permanent School Fund to a corporation for public benefit to provide such private equity funding from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000. Also increases the maximum allowable amount of outstanding bonds of a school district that may be guaranteed to \$60,000,000.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7274/Overview>

SB 76 – State Board of Education

Requested by Department of Education. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-297)

This is an extensive bill that changes the responsibilities between school districts, the State Board and the Department of Education and changes the time frame for the submission of specific reports. Abolishes certain councils, governing bodies, and networks transferring those responsibilities to Board of Education.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7332/Overview>

EDUCATION: NSHE**AB 29 – Grant Program for the Development and Commercialization of Research and Technology in Nevada**

Requested by Governor’s Office of Economic Development. Introduced by Committee on Revenue. (BDR 18-256)

Refer to WORKFORCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7271/Overview>

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Requested by Clark County School District. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-430)

Refer to EDUCATION: K-12 this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7255/Overview>

LEGISLATURE**AB 1 – Legislator Training Expanded**

Requested by Nevada Association of Counties. Introduced by Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. (BDR 17-438)

Refer to GOVERNMENT: Local this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7213/Overview>

JUDICIAL**SB 3 – Compensation for Judges**

Requested by Nevada Supreme Court. Introduced by Committee on Finance. (BDR 1-392)

Increases the base salaries of the justices of the Supreme Court of Nevada from \$170,000 to \$200,000. Increases the base salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals from \$165,000 to \$195,000. Increases the base salaries of the district court judges from \$160,000 to \$190,000.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7178/Overview>

SB 42 – Court Rules and Decisions

Requested by Nevada Supreme Court. Introduced by Committee on Judiciary. (BDR 1-389)

Removes the authority of the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court to charge a fee for decisions of the Supreme Court compiled in electronic format to certain persons entitled by law to receive without charge decisions of the Nevada Supreme Court and the Nevada Court of Appeals in pamphlet or electronic form.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7218/Overview>

ELECTIONS**SJR 1 – Nevada Court of Appeals Water Cases**

Requested by Division of Water Resources. Introduced by Committee on Judiciary. (BDR C-310)

Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide that the Nevada Court of Appeals has original jurisdiction in any civil case brought by a person challenging a final order or decision of the State Engineer.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7333/Overview>

STUDY & ADVISORY COMMITTEES**AB 38 – Technical Education Advisory Committee**

Requested by Department of Education. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-302)

Refer to EDUCATION: K-12 this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7289/Overview>

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Requested by Clark County School District. Introduced by Committee on Education. (BDR 34-430)

Refer to EDUCATION: K-12 this issue for summary.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7255/Overview>

GENERAL INTEREST**AB 83 – Nevada Day**

Sponsored by Assemblyman Yeager. Introduced by Committee on Government Affairs. (BDR 19-70)

Revises the date of the legal holiday for the observance of Nevada Day from the last Friday in October to the legal holiday of October 31 with consideration should October 31 fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7352/Overview>

SB 5 – Telehealth

Requested by Patient Protection Commission. Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-416)

Defines telehealth. Requires Department of Health and Human Services to establish a data dashboard that allows for the analysis of data relating to access to telehealth by different groups and populations in Nevada.

Effective: Upon passage and approval for administrative tasks and October 1, 2021 for all other purposes.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7180/Overview>

SB 49 – Cannabis Compliance Board

Requested by Cannabis Compliance Board. Introduced by Committee on Health and Human Services. (BDR 56-268)

Requires all cannabis products to be labeled clearly in bold type “THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS CANNABIS.” Also, clarifies authority of the Board to adopt policies and procedures that waive the ownership application requirement.

Effective: Upon passage and approval.

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7227/Overview>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FINALISTS AND HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE
23rd ANNUAL CASHMAN GOOD GOVERNMENT AWARD**

STATE (*Finalist*)

Nevada Department of Wildlife

UNIVERSITY (*Finalist*)

University Police Services, Southern Command

Nevada System of Higher Education

CITY (*Finalist*)

Ryann Juden, City Manager

City of North Las Vegas

COUNTY (*Finalist*)

Clark County Social Services

City of Las Vegas Community Services

Cashman Isolation Quarantine Facility

COUNTY (*Honorable Mention*)

Washoe County Human Services Agency

Our Place Women and Family Shelter

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