

# Department of Taxation

New Legislator Orientation & Training  
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## Agency Overview

### Mission

Provide fair, efficient, and effective administration of tax programs for the State of Nevada in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. Serve the taxpayers, state and local government entities; and enable and recognize department employees.

### Philosophy

Dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and ethical conduct; committed to consistent, impartial, and courteous service and treatment. Providing resources, training, and support to the men and women of the department, and fostering initiative, creativity, and effective performance.

### Goals

1. Ensure the stable administration of tax statutes.
2. Improve compliance through education, information, and enforcement.
3. Cooperate with other agencies and entities to better serve taxpayers.
4. Provide improved and more efficient service.
5. Promote the fair and equitable treatment of taxpayers.
6. Enhance workforce proficiency through training and communication.
7. Improve tax administration through new technology.



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**Website:** <https://tax.nv.gov>

**Taxpayer Call Center:** (866) 962-3707

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#### Las Vegas District Office

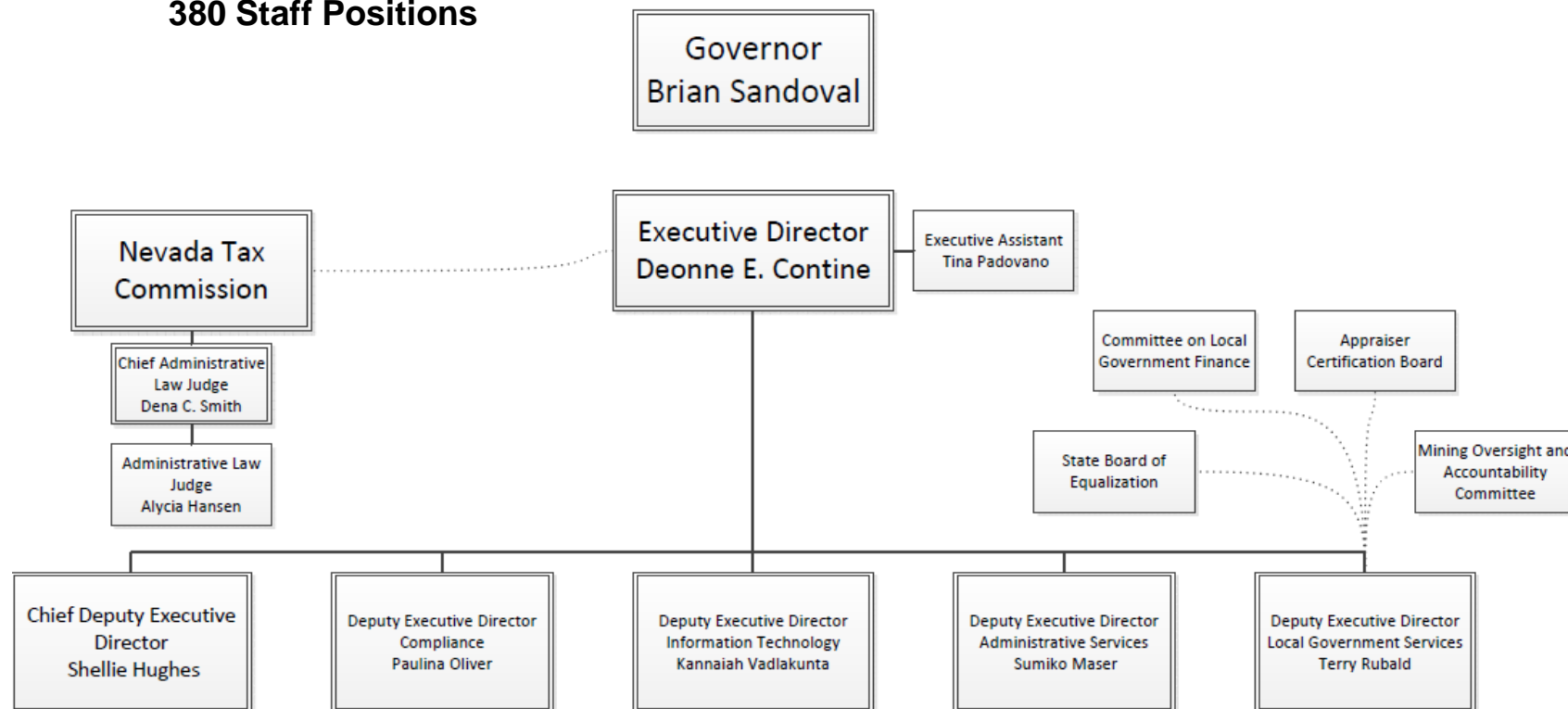
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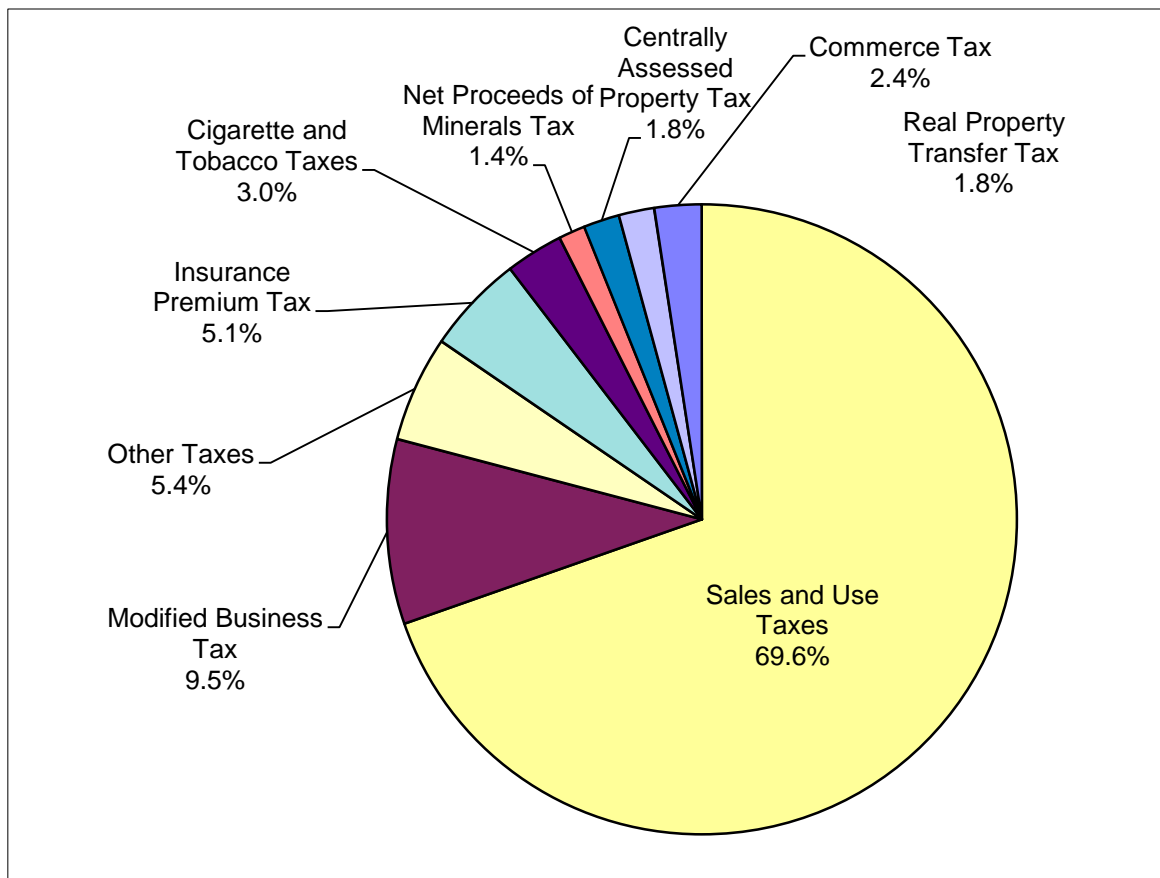
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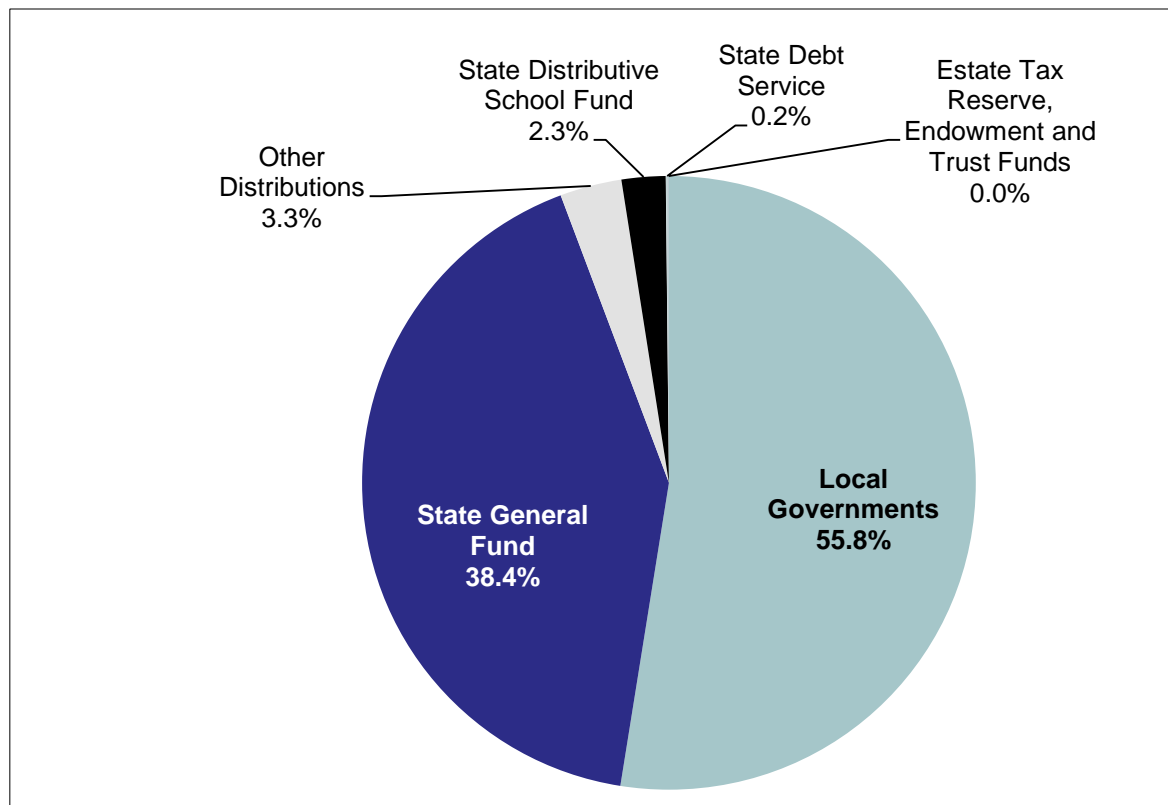
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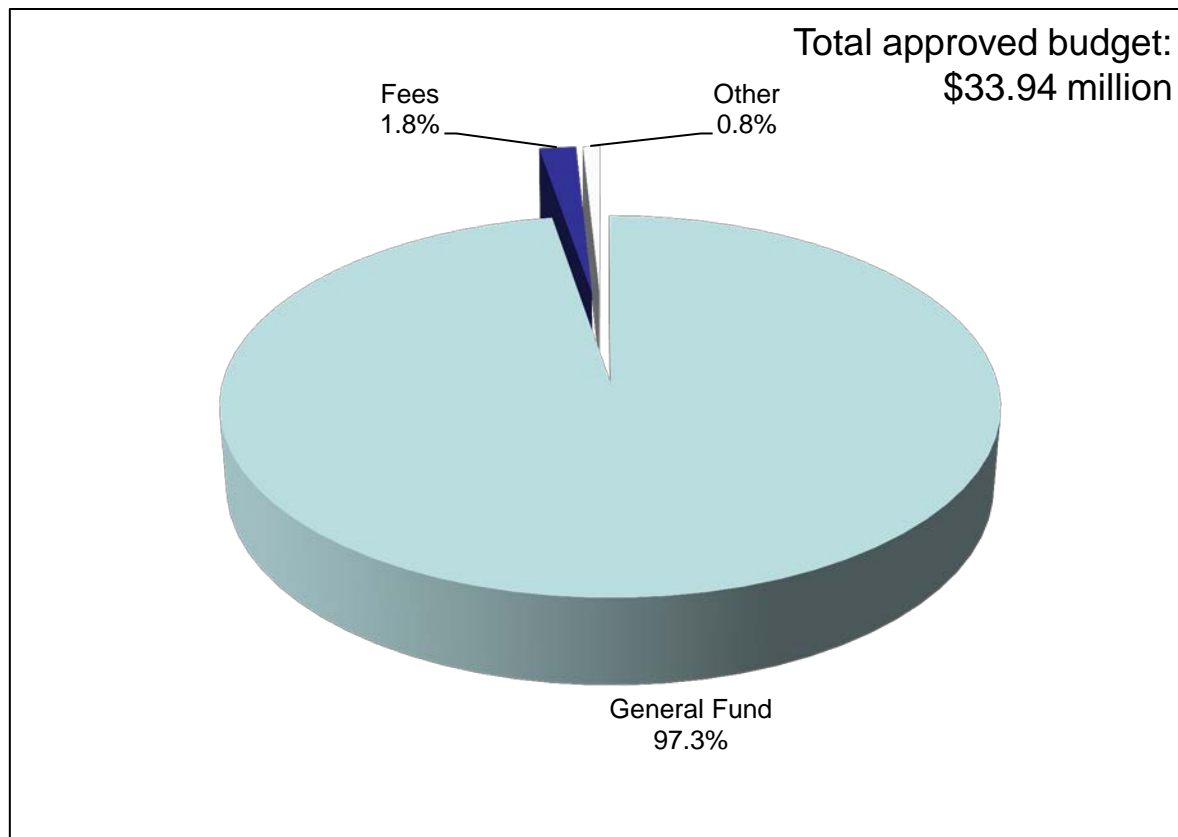
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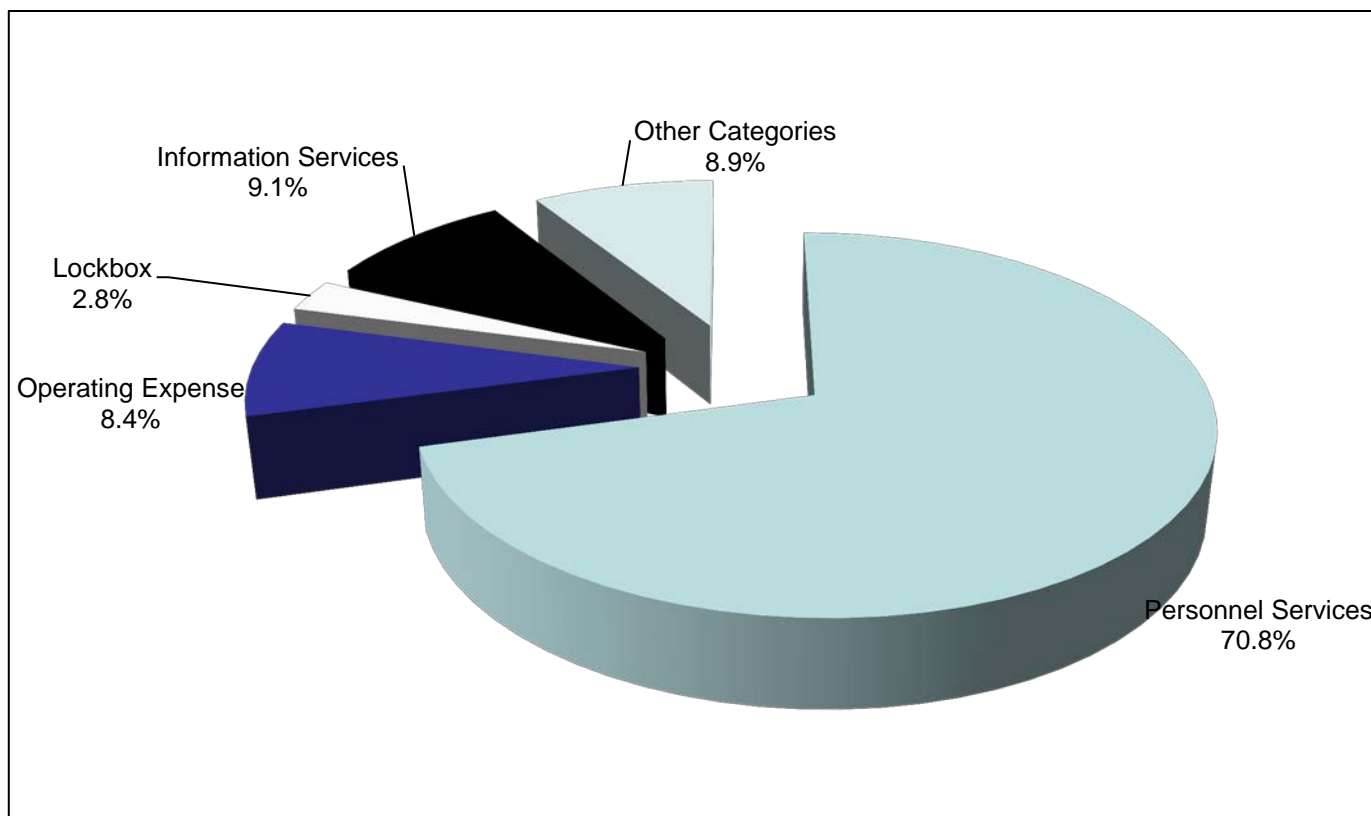
### Legislature-Approved Funding for FY 2016





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### Legislature-Approved Expenditures for FY 2016







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#### The Nevada Tax Commission (NTC)

- 8 members appointed by the Governor
- Exercises general supervision over the Department, adjudicates taxpayer disputes, and adopts the Department's regulations in most cases
- The Chief Administrative Officer of the Department is the Executive Director, who is appointed by the governor and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Department
- Actions by the Department may be appealed to the Commission as provided by law
- The Commission may review all decisions of the Department and may reverse, affirm, or modify them
- Current Chairperson: James DeVold

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#### The State Board of Equalization (BOE)

- 5 members appointed by the Governor
- Hears and acts on appeals from the actions of the various county boards of equalization or from valuations set by the Nevada Tax Commission
- Current Chairperson: Dennis Meservy

#### The Committee on Local Government Finance

- 11 members from various counties
- The purpose of the committee is to advise the Department regarding regulations, procedures, and forms for compliance with NRS 354.570 through 354.626 (Local Government Budget Act)
- Current Chairperson: Marvin Leavitt



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#### The Property Appraiser Certification Board

- 6 members
- Advises the Department on matters pertaining to certification and continuing education of appraisers
- Current Chairperson: William “Jeff” Johnson

#### The Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission

- 7 members
- Oversight of compliance with Nevada law relating to the activities of each state agency, board, bureau, commission, department or division with respect to the taxation, operation, safety, and environmental regulation of mines and mining in Nevada
- Acting Chairperson: Kyle Davis

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#### Collect and distribute taxes

- Taxes are distributed to the State General Fund, school districts, and other local governments
- Tax types include
  - Sales and use taxes (NRS Chapter 372)
  - Modified business tax (payroll tax): General Business (NRS Chapter 363B) Financial Institutions (NRS Chapter 363A)
  - Commerce Tax (NRS Chapter 363C)
  - Estate tax (NRS Chapter 375A)
  - Net proceeds of minerals tax (NRS Chapter 362)
  - Personal property tax on interstate and inter-county companies (NRS Chapter 361)
  - Liquor tax (NRS Chapter 369)
  - Cigarettes and other tobacco products (NRS Chapter 370)
  - Tire tax (NRS Chapter 444A)
  - Short-term lessor fee (NRS Chapter 482)
  - Live entertainment tax (NRS Chapter 368A)
  - Bank excise tax (NRS Chapter 363A)
  - Lodging tax (NRS Chapter 244)
  - Insurance premium tax (NRS Chapter 680B)
  - Real property transfer tax (collected by county and distributed by the Department)



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- Sales and Use Taxes are the largest tax type: \$4.1 billion (FY16)
- Modified Business Tax or payroll tax generated \$561.9 million (FY 16)
- Commerce Tax brought in \$143.5 million (FY16)





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#### Audit

- 51 auditors (includes 7 auditors for Local Government Services)
- Fiscal Year 2016 billings totaled \$29.4 million
- Conducted 2,337 audits in Fiscal Year 2016

#### Collect past due tax debts

- 57 revenue officers statewide
- Collected more than \$5.9 million in past due taxes in Fiscal Year 2016
- Revenue officers work with taxpayers on payment plans, offers in compromise, etc. to ensure that all taxes legally due are paid to the state

#### Regulate liquor and tobacco industries

- Enforce three tier system for distribution of alcohol; license importers and wholesalers
- In conjunction with Attorney General's Office, ensure compliance with the Master Settlement Agreement
- License wholesale cigarette dealers along with other tobacco products



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#### Local Government Services

- Responsible for appraising property of an interstate or inter-county nature, as well as mining property
- Establishes guidelines for the county assessors, recorders and treasurers; monitors appraisal and assessment performance through ratio study, and performance appraisals of county officials
- Reviews local government budgets and audits, prepares the ad valorem tax rates for certification, and advises local governments on budget act compliance and financial management matters

#### Develop regulations, technical bulletins, and advisory opinions

- In addition to the laws passed by the legislature, the Department – through the Tax Commission, the State Board of Equalization, the Committee on Local Government Finance and the Mining Oversight and Accountability Commission – promulgates administrative regulations pursuant to Chapter 233B of the Nevada Revised Statutes; these regulations serve to interpret existing laws; currently more than 1,000 regulations
- Technical bulletins: The Department drafts technical bulletins on issues relevant to taxpayers; the bulletins are approved by the Nevada Tax Commission
- Advisory opinions: The Department responds to written requests from taxpayers regarding various issues

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#### The State Demographer

- Provides annual population estimates for the state, its counties and incorporated cities

#### Coming up: Regulate retail marijuana industry

- Voters passed Initiative Petition 2 (The Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act) on Nov. 8, 2016
- IP2 assigns responsibility to the Department for:
  - Establishing licensing qualifications and procedures for retail marijuana establishments, as well as issuing, renewing, and revoking those licenses
  - Regulating retail marijuana establishments, such as cultivation facilities, distributors, and retailers
  - Administering a 15 percent excise tax on the wholesale sale of retail marijuana
- The Department is currently developing regulations
- The law becomes effective Jan. 1, 2017 and the Department has 1 year after that to begin accepting applications for retail marijuana establishment licenses

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Use our website as a resource:

<https://tax.nv.gov>

- Boards & Commissions info
- Publications
- Info on specific taxes
- Local Government Services
- Recent regulations
- Technical bulletins



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The screenshot shows the official website of the Nevada Department of Taxation. The header includes the state seal, the text "State of Nevada Department of Taxation", and navigation links for "NV.gov", "Agencies", "Jobs", and "About Nevada". A search bar and the "ADA Americans with Disabilities Act" logo are also present. A main navigation menu lists "ABOUT", "TAX FORMS", "ONLINE SERVICES", "COMMERCE TAX", "LOCAL GOV", "PUBLICATIONS", "BOARDS/MEETINGS", and "FAQ'S". The main content area features a large banner for the "NEVADA TAX CENTER" with the text "Click here to access the all new NEVADA TAX CENTER. Completely redesigned to be easier to use. View, file, and pay your taxes online." To the right, there is a "Latest Tweets" section with two tweets from @NVTaxDept, a "Follow/Subscribe" section with icons for Twitter, YouTube, Google+, and RSS, and a "Have Questions? Call the Call Center at (866) 962-3707" notice. At the bottom, a "Hot Topics" section lists several recent regulations and bulletins, including "Cigarette Reporting Requirement Technical Bulletin 16-001", "Partial Abatement Regulation", "College Saving Plan Proposed Regulation R137-16", "Tobacco Products Proposed Regulations R146-15", "Application for Contractor Refund", "LGF Indebtedness Report 2015-16", "2017 Elements and Applications", "Transportation Connection Tax (SB 376)", and "Live Entertainment Tax Proposed Regulation R062-15".



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# Questions?