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# **JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

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**COMMITTEE BRIEF  
2021–2022 INTERIM  
JANUARY 11, 2022**

## INTRODUCTION

This brief provides information on the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs, including an overview of the Committee's powers and duties; work plan and jurisdiction; relevant reports and publications; and Committee staff contact information.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Legislative Commission appointed the following members to the Committee:

### Committee Members:

Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Chair  
Assemblyman Edgar Flores, Vice Chair  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Dina Neal  
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May  
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman  
Assemblyman Andy Matthews  
Assemblywoman Selena Torres

### Alternate Members:

Senator Ira D. Hansen  
Senator James Ohrenschall  
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson  
Assemblyman John C. Ellison  
Assemblywoman Clara (Claire) Thomas

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Assembly Bill 443 (2021) created the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs, and set its membership; duties and powers; and jurisdiction. Pursuant to Section 6 of Assembly Bill 443, the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs may do the following: (a) evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the corresponding standing committee or committees from the preceding regular session of the Legislature; (b) exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive; and (c) within the limits of the Committee's budget, conduct studies directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission. Finally, the Committee may request up to ten bill drafts requests related to government affairs issues.

## PROPOSED WORK PLAN

The budget approved by the Legislative Commission allows the Committee to conduct up to six hearings throughout the interim. The Committee must conclude its work by August 31, 2022. The following are a list of tentative and confirmed meeting dates.

### COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, January 11, 2022
- Tuesday, February 15, 2022
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022
- Tuesday, May 10, 2022
- Tuesday, June 7, 2022

## COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

The Committee generally has jurisdiction over a wide range of issues affecting state and local government. The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs may consider topics related to the following:

- Cities, counties, and general improvement and special districts;
- Cooperative agreements;
- Homeland security and emergency management;
- Housing authorities;
- Libraries and museums;
- Military and veterans;
- Planning, zoning, regional planning entities, and redevelopment;
- Public officers and employees (e.g., benefits, collective bargaining, and retirement);
- Public property and purchasing;
- Public records and the Open Meeting Law;
- Public works;
- State and local government financial administration;
- State executive departments; and
- Tourism and cultural affairs.

## RELEVANT REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

A variety of reports are available regarding government affairs issues in Nevada, including reports published by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), or mandated by statute.

The Research Division prepares reports on many major policy areas. These publications are available online at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/publications/index.cfm>. Paper copies are provided upon request.

- *[Bulletin 21-17: Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission](#)*;
- *[Collective Bargaining for Local Government Employees](#)*;
- *[Fact Sheet: General Nevada Information and Rankings](#)*;
- *[Nevada Public Employees' Benefits Program](#)*;
- *[Prevailing Wage Law](#)*; and
- *[Short-Term Rentals](#)*.

Additional resources include:

- *[Directory of Major Elected Officers](#)*;
- *[Directory of State and Local Government](#)*; and
- *[Nevada State Government Organizational Chart](#)*.

## STATUTORY REPORTS

The Legislature requires various state and local entities to provide reports to the Legislature, Legislative Commission, Interim Finance Committee (NRS [218E.400](#)), and other legislative committees, including commerce and labor-related reports. A complete list of these reports is available [here](#).

## STAFF SERVICES

The following LCB staff members will provide staff support for the Committee during the 2020–2021 Legislative Interim:

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## RESEARCH DIVISION ASSISTANCE

The Research Division is available to assist the Committee and its members on any issue related to matters before the Committee. In addition, staff provides individual members of the Legislature with information and assistance, on a confidential basis, on any topic. Please contact the Research Division by phone at (775) 684-6825 or via email at [research@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:research@lcb.state.nv.us).

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