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COMMITTEE BRIEF

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INTRODUCTION

This brief provides information on the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources (JISCNR or the Committee), including an overview of natural resource issues the Committee may consider during the 2025–2026 Legislative Interim, meeting dates, and Committee staff contact information.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following legislators have been appointed to the Committee:

- Assemblymember Natha C. Anderson, Chair;
- Senator Michelelee “Shelly” Cruz-Crawford, Vice Chair;
- Senator John Ellison;
- Senator Julie Pazina;
- Assemblymember Venicia Considine;
- Assemblymember Rich DeLong;
- Assemblymember Bert K. Gurr; and
- Assemblymember Jovan A. Jackson.

The following legislators will serve as alternates:

- Senator Ira Hansen;
- Senator Melanie Scheible;
- Assemblymember Lisa K. Cole;
- Assemblymember Selena La Rue Hatch; and
- Assemblymember Howard Watts.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The budget approved by the Legislative Commission allows the JISCNR to conduct up to six meetings throughout the interim. The following dates are tentatively scheduled for Committee meetings:

- Wednesday, January 28
- Wednesday, February 25
- Wednesday, March 25
- Wednesday, May 27
- Wednesday, June 24
- Wednesday, August 12

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND JURISDICTION

The JISCNR and its membership is established in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) [218E.320](#). The powers of the Joint Interim Standing Committees are codified in NRS [218E.330](#), pursuant to which, the Committee may do the following: (1) evaluate and review issues within the jurisdiction of the corresponding standing committee or committees from the preceding regular session of the Legislature; (2) exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS [218E.105](#) through [218E.140](#), inclusive; and (3) within the limits of the Committee’s budget, conduct studies directed by the Legislature or the Legislative Commission.

The Committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of issues, policies, programs and initiatives concerning natural resources, including but not limited to: agriculture, animals, conservation and environmental policies, food safety, forestry, grazing, historic preservation, mining, outdoor recreation, State parks and monuments, water, wildfire, and wildlife.

With the passage of [Senate Bill 226](#), (2025), the Committee may request up to 10 bill draft requests (BDRs) for the 2027 Session that address issues related to natural resources. Pursuant to NRS [218E.325](#), the Committee must conclude its work by August 31, 2026. A work session will be conducted at the last Committee meeting, tentatively scheduled for **August 12, 2026**, during which the members will vote to submit certain BDRs. It is important to note that any recommended legislation proposed by a committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly serving on the committee. In addition to BDRs, the Committee may vote to direct staff to draft letters to relevant stakeholders and to include policy statements in the final Committee report.

STATISTICS FROM THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The table below provides information on bills referred to the Assembly and Senate Committees on Natural Resources (ANR and SNR, respectively).

Committee	Number of Measures Referred	Number of Measures Heard by the Committee	Number of Measures Passed by the Committee	Number of Measures Passed by the House	Passed with Bipartisan ¹ Support in the House	Passed with Unanimous ² Support of the House
ANR	41	37	33	27	27	23
SNR	39 ³	36	35	34	33	27

REPORTS AND AUDITS

The Research Division prepares reports on many major policy areas, available online at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/>. The following list provides links to selected reports, as well as recent legislative and Executive Branch audits, relevant to the Committee’s jurisdiction.

- [Bulletin 23-10: Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Subcommittee on Public Lands](#) (December 2022), Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB);
- [Bulletin 23-12: Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System](#) (November 2022), Research Division, LCB;
- [Performance Audit](#) of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry—Forest Fire Suppression Budget Account (2024) by the Legislative Auditor, LCB (LA26-04);

¹ For purposes of this committee brief, passage was considered bipartisan if at least one member of each party voted for passage of the measure.

² For purposes of this committee brief, unanimous refers to unanimity of those present and voting.

³ Although 40 bills were originally referred to SNR, one bill was re-referred to another committee.

- [Audit Report](#) of the State Department of Agriculture, Commodity Foods (July 29, 2025) by the Division of Internal Audits (DIA), Office of Finance, Office of the Governor (DIA Report 25-05);
- [Audit Report](#) of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, Water Assessments and Cost Allocations (June 28, 2023) by the DIA, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor (DIA Report 23-03);⁴
- [Audit Report](#) of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, Fiscal Processes (November 30, 2022) by the DIA, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor (DIA Report 23-02).⁵

Additional audits may be released by the legislative auditor and/or the DIA during this interim period. Reports may be accessed at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Audit/> and https://budget.nv.gov/IAudits/Services/Performance_Audits/.

STAFF CONTACTS

The following LCB staff members will provide support to the Committee during the 2025–2026 Legislative Interim:

RESEARCH DIVISION (775/684-6825)

- Becky Peratt, Senior Policy Analyst
- Jered McDonald, Deputy Director
- Jen Jacobsen, Research Policy Assistant

LEGAL DIVISION (775/684-6830)

- Jeff Chronister, Deputy Legislative Counsel
- Erin Sturdivant, Senior Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel
- Daniel Delap, Deputy Legislative Counsel

FISCAL ANALYSIS DIVISION (775/684-6821)

- Daniel Miller, Principal Program Analyst

Committee members and staff can also be contacted at NRInterim@lcb.state.nv.us.

RESEARCH DIVISION ASSISTANCE

The Research Division is available to assist the Committee and its members on any issue related to matters before the Committee by providing useful, accurate, and timely information concerning public policy issues. In addition, staff provide individual members of the Legislature with information and assistance—on a nonpartisan and confidential basis—on any topic. Please contact the Research Division by phone (775) 684-6825 or email (research@lcb.state.nv.us).

⁴ See page 12 of the Executive Branch Audit Committee November 2, 2023, [Meeting Minutes](#) for the Six-Month Follow-Up Status Report.

⁵ See page 5 of the Executive Branch Audit Committee July 19, 2023, [Meeting Minutes](#) for the Six-Month Follow-Up Status Report.