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BULLETIN 27-3

**JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FUNCTIONS AT HOTELS
FOR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7
(File 37, *Statutes of Nevada 2025*)

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 7
(FILE 37, *STATUTES OF NEVADA 2025*)

EMERGENCY REQUEST of Senate Majority Leader

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Senator Cannizzaro

FILE NUMBER 37

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Creating a joint special committee to conduct a study concerning housekeeping operations at hotels in this State.

WHEREAS, The tourism and hospitality industry is vitally important to the economy of this State and the general welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, The economy of Southern Nevada is dependent on the resort, gaming, convention, special event and professional sports industries; and

WHEREAS, Las Vegas has long been a world class business and recreation destination for millions of visitors a year and Las Vegas repeatedly ranks among the top destinations in the United States for conventions and business meetings; and

WHEREAS, Room attendants, housekeepers and other staff members who are responsible for maintaining guest rooms at hotels, collectively referred to as “housekeeping staff,” are indispensable to a positive guest experience, and it is critical to the success of the State’s tourism sector that housekeeping staff can reliably and consistently perform their job duties; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Nevada Legislature examine how to ensure successful housekeeping operations at hotels for housekeeping staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a joint special committee to examine functions at hotels for housekeeping staff, which must be composed of three members of the Assembly, two of whom must be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one of whom must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly, and three members of the Senate, two of whom must be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom must be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint a chair and the Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint a vice chair from among the members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall, to the extent practicable, meet at least once each calendar quarter during the 2025–2026 Interim; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall meet at least twice during the 2025–2026 Interim; and be it further

RESOLVED That the joint special committee shall, at its meetings, assess the industry and economic benefits of ensuring successful housekeeping functions for housekeeping staff at hotels, including, without limitation:

1. Measures that may be considered by the Nevada Legislature to ensure successful housekeeping functions at Nevada hotels for housekeeping staff;
2. The impact of room cleaning frequency by Housekeeping Staff; and
3. Options that may be communicated to a guest at the time of reservation or check-in relating to housekeeping services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall solicit input from stakeholders from gaming leaders, labor organizations, law enforcement, hotel employees and tourism experts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommendation proposed by the joint special committee must be approved by a majority of its members; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall, to the extent practicable, submit a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor on or before July 31, 2026, including, without limitation, any:

1. Further action to be taken housekeeping operations at hotels for housekeeping staff; and
2. Recommendations for legislation which is necessary to housekeeping functions at hotels in Nevada that should be considered during the 84th regular session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee may request the drafting of one legislative measure related to its findings at the 84th Session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any such request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That if the joint special committee requests the drafting of a legislative measure relating to its findings, the legislative measure must be prefiled on or before the first day of the 84th Legislative Session; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a legislative measure not prefiled on or before that date shall be deemed withdrawn; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the joint special committee shall submit a report of its findings to the 84th Session of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

ABSTRACT

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FUNCTIONS AT HOTELS FOR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7
(File 37, *Statutes of Nevada 2025*)

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 7](#) (2025) created this joint special committee to conduct a study concerning housekeeping operations at hotels in Nevada. Specifically, the legislation required the Committee to assess the industry and economic benefits of ensuring successful housekeeping functions for housekeeping staff at hotels, including:

1. Measures that may be considered by the Nevada Legislature to ensure successful housekeeping functions at hotels for housekeeping staff;
2. The impact of room cleaning frequency by housekeeping staff; and
3. Options relating to housekeeping services that may be communicated to a guest at the time of reservation or check-in.

In doing so, the Committee solicited input from a variety of stakeholders, including gaming leaders, hotel employees, labor organizations, and law enforcement, as well as public safety and tourism experts. Pursuant to SCR 7, the Committee may request one bill draft request (BDR) related to its findings at the 84th Legislative Session.

Further, SCR 7 required the Committee to meet at least twice during the 2025–2026 Interim. The Committee held three meetings in 2026, which included two meetings with presentations and testimony ([March 12](#) and [May 28](#)) and its final meeting and work session ([August 27](#)). During the meetings, the Committee considered topics relating to the hospitality industry, including: (1) human trafficking prevention, research, and response; (2) occurrence of substance use and overdoses; and (3) statistics concerning emergency responses as well as violent crimes, including incidents involving firearms and other weapons. All meetings were open to the public and conducted through simultaneous videoconferences between legislative meeting rooms in Las Vegas and Carson City, Nevada.

At its final meeting and work session on August 27, 2026, the Committee unanimously approved a recommendation to request the drafting of a BDR that implements data collection and reporting requirements to enhance public safety at hotels and resort hotels.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FUNCTIONS AT HOTELS FOR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7
(File 37, *Statutes of Nevada 2025*)

This summary presents the recommendation approved by the Joint Special Committee to Examine Functions at Hotels for Housekeeping Staff at its meeting on August 27, 2026. The bill draft request (BDR) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LEGISLATION

Data Collection and Reporting Requirements to Enhance Public Safety at Hotels and Resort Hotels

1. Require certain emergency medical and law enforcement agencies, health authorities, hotels, and resort hotels to collect and retain data on incidents occurring in guest rooms or on hotel premises, including:
 - a. Emergency responses;
 - b. Confiscated or unsecured firearms, instruments, or weapons, as well as firearms held by the hotel during the duration of a firearm owner's stay;
 - c. Illicit substance use or overdoses, as well as narcotics seized from guest rooms;
 - d. Contact with a victim of human trafficking; and
 - e. Guest evictions or events of violence;
2. Designate a state entity to establish requirements and procedures for the compilation and quarterly submission of the data collected by emergency medical and law enforcement agencies, health authorities, hotels, and resort hotels. Require the designated state entity to submit aggregated reports that summarize the collected data to the Legislature on a semiannual basis;
3. Exempt from public disclosure any of the data required to be compiled, and require the designated state entity to report only aggregated data that does not directly or indirectly identify specific individuals, hotels, or resort hotels; and
4. Reconstitute the Joint Special Committee to Examine Functions at Hotels for Housekeeping Staff during the 2027–2028 Legislative Interim to review the designated state entity's reports in public hearings. **(BDR 40–508)**

BULLETIN 27-4

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.320

NRS 218E.320 Creation; membership; officers; vacancies.

1. There are hereby created the following Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature:

- (a) Commerce and Labor;
- (b) Education;
- (c) Government Affairs;
- (d) Growth and Infrastructure;
- (e) Health and Human Services;
- (f) Judiciary;
- (g) Legislative Operations and Elections;
- (h) Natural Resources; and
- (i) Revenue.

2. Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session and not later than October 31 immediately following such adjournment:

(a) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint three members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and two members of the Assembly as alternate members of each Committee.

(b) The Minority Leader of the Assembly shall appoint two members of the Assembly as regular members of each Committee and one member of the Assembly as an alternate member of each Committee.

(c) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two Senators as regular members of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee.

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one Senator as a regular member of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee.

3. Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and Assembly shall consult so that, to the extent practicable:

(a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing committee or committees during the preceding regular session.

(b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same political party.

4. The Legislative Commission shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among the members of the Committee and shall make such appointments as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session and not later than October 31 immediately following such adjournment. The Chair must be appointed from one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium between the Houses of the Legislature.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each Chair and Vice Chair holds the position, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. The membership of any member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be, may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(Added to NRS by [2021, 2505](#); A [2025, 2918](#))

ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor (JISC C&L) is a permanent committee of the Nevada Legislature whose authority and duties are set forth in [NRS 218E.320](#). The jurisdiction of the JISC C&L generally comprises a wide range of issues affecting commerce and labor, including banks, financial institutions, and similar entities; businesses, occupations, and professions; insurance matters; labor and industrial relations; manufactured housing; and trade practices and regulations. Pursuant to [NRS 218D.160](#), the Committee may request the drafting of no more than ten legislative measures on or before September 1, 2026, which relate to matters within the scope of the Committee.

The Committee held six meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim, including a work session during its last meeting on August 20, 2026. Throughout the interim, the JISC C&L considered issues and topics related to affordable and attainable housing development, health care provider services, health insurance, and property and casualty insurance. Specific summaries for each meeting can be found below:

1. [January 22, 2026](#)—Overview of the JISC C&L; presentation on the Department of Business and Industry’s (B&I) various divisions and their responsibilities; and updates from B&I regarding bill implementations passed during the 2025 Legislative Session.
2. [February 18, 2026](#)—Automobile insurance rates in Nevada; prior-approval system for personal automobile insurance; and factors influencing the relatively high automobile insurance premiums in the state.
3. [April 15, 2026](#)—Affordable and attainable housing development; challenges related to statewide housing supply and demand; rural and southern Nevada housing programs; and the effects of construction costs, impact fees, infrastructure constraints, land availability permitting, and zoning.
4. [May 21, 2026](#)—Health care cost increases and affordability in Nevada’s health insurance market; the Public Employees’ Benefits Program; hospital systems; pharmacy benefit manager reform, pharmacist clinical services, and the 340B Drug Pricing Program; and an overview of the Board of Medical Examiners.
5. [June 17, 2026](#)—Property insurance market and wildfire risk; housing presentations, including tenant protections; and recent policy developments and housing development projects in the state.
6. [August 20, 2026](#)—Final meeting, including a presentation on short-term lease liability requirements and a work session.

At its final meeting and work session on August 20, 2026, the Committee approved recommendations for six bill draft requests to be considered during the 2027 Session by the Nevada Legislature concerning: (1) property and casualty insurance; (2) short-term vehicle leases; (3) labor and employment; (4) pharmacist clinical services; and (5) health insurance coverage for pharmacist services.

More information about the Committee's activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature's website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor at its meeting on August 20, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Property and Casualty Insurance

1. Request the drafting of a bill to amend [NRS 687B.320](#), which generally prohibits an insurer from canceling an insurance policy—except for certain specified reasons—before the end of the agreed term or one year from the effective date of the policy, whichever comes first, if the policy has been in effect for at least 70 days, to provide that, for a policy of homeowners’ insurance, the prohibition against cancellation set forth in that section applies to a policy that has been in effect for at least 30 days. **(BDR 57–456)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill to:
 - a. Require rates and premiums for policies of motor vehicle insurance covering private passenger vehicles to be determined based only on the insured’s driving safety record, annual mileage, years of driving experience, and any additional factor adopted by the Commissioner of Insurance by regulation, as described in 2(b) of this recommendation; and
 - b. Authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to adopt regulations establishing additional rating factors, which must have a substantial relationship to the risk of loss, as well as the relative weight of each factor in determining the rates and premiums for policies of motor vehicle insurance covering private passenger vehicles. **(BDR 57–459)**

Short-Term Vehicle Leases

3. Request the drafting of a bill to revise the financial responsibility requirements for short-term lessors of motor vehicles by increasing the minimum liability insurance coverage required for vehicles leased by a short-term lessor to:
 - a. \$50,000 for bodily injury to or death of one person in any one crash;
 - b. \$100,000 for bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one crash; and
 - c. \$20,000 for property damage in any one crash. **(BDR 43–461)**

Labor and Employment

4. Request the drafting of a bill to establish protections against workplace bullying by:
 - a. Defining unlawful workplace bullying and establishing standards for determining whether conduct constitutes workplace bullying;
 - b. Requiring employers to adopt and implement policies and procedures for the prevention, reporting, investigation, documentation, and resolution of workplace bullying complaints;
 - c. Prohibiting retaliation against an employee for reporting workplace bullying or participating in an investigation of a workplace bullying complaint;
 - d. Prohibiting the use of certain employment agreements or practices that limit an employee's ability to pursue or disclose a workplace bullying complaint, under specified circumstances; and
 - e. Authorizing civil action and appropriate remedies for violations of the provisions governing workplace bullying. **(BDR 53–462)**

Pharmacist Clinical Services

5. Request the drafting of a bill—which is a redraft of [Assembly Bill 186](#) (First Reprint) of the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session—to authorize registered pharmacists to:
 - a. Prescribe and dispense drugs and devices for the treatment of health conditions that: (a) have been previously diagnosed; (b) are self-limiting; or (c) are acute conditions diagnosed after the performance of certain tests;
 - b. Dispense a one-time refill of a prescription, without the authorization of a practitioner and under certain circumstances, if the drug was previously prescribed to the patient and losing access to the drug would threaten the health of the patient;
 - c. Order and perform: (a) specified laboratory tests necessary for any drug therapy or that otherwise facilitate the care of a patient within the pharmacist's scope of practice; and (b) other laboratory examinations and procedures determined by the federal government to be simple laboratory examinations and procedures that have an insignificant risk of an erroneous result; and
 - d. Serve as directors of exempt laboratories. **(BDR 54–463)**

Health Insurance Coverage for Pharmacist Services

6. Request the drafting of a bill to require public and private health plans, including Medicaid and health plans for state and local government employees, to:
 - a. Provide coverage for services provided by a pharmacist within his or her scope of practice if such services are covered when performed by another provider of health care; and
 - b. Reimburse such services at a rate equal to or greater than that provided to a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for similar services. **(BDR 38–464)**

BULLETIN 27-5

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.320

NRS 218E.320 Creation; membership; officers; vacancies.

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- (d) Growth and Infrastructure;
- (e) Health and Human Services;
- (f) Judiciary;
- (g) Legislative Operations and Elections;
- (h) Natural Resources; and
- (i) Revenue.

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(c) The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint two Senators as regular members of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee.

(d) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one Senator as a regular member of each Committee and one Senator as an alternate member of each Committee.

3. Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and Assembly shall consult so that, to the extent practicable:

(a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing committee or committees during the preceding regular session.

(b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same political party.

4. The Legislative Commission shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among the members of the Committee and shall make such appointments as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session and not later than October 31 immediately following such adjournment. The Chair must be appointed from one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium between the Houses of the Legislature.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each Chair and Vice Chair holds the position, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. The membership of any member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be, may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(Added to NRS by [2021, 2505](#); A [2025, 2918](#))

ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education (JISC ED) is a permanent interim committee of the Nevada Legislature whose authority and responsibilities are set forth in [NRS 218E.330](#) and [NRS 218E.615](#). During public meetings between the biennial sessions of the Legislature, the JISC ED may evaluate, review, and comment upon issues related to education within Nevada; conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties; and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the manner in which public education may be improved. Further, the JISC ED has jurisdiction over issues that fall under the purview of the Senate and Assembly Standing Committees on Education from the preceding regular session of the Legislature.

The JISC ED held six meetings, including one work session, during the 2025–2026 Interim. Below are links to each meeting date:

- [February 17, 2026](#);
- [March 17, 2026](#);
- [April 24, 2026](#);
- [May 19, 2026](#);
- [June 16, 2026](#); and
- [August 18, 2026](#).

During these meetings, the JISC ED reviewed several topics, including state and national education policy trends and updates; charter school and school district operations and achievement; curriculum and instruction; enrollment; chronic absenteeism; artificial intelligence in kindergarten through 12 schools and institutions of higher education (IHE); the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association; early childhood; multi-tiered systems of support; power-based violence in public schools and IHE; educator recruitment and retention; parental involvement and family engagement; student well-being and support; school funding; and school accountability and innovation.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education at its meeting on August 18, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Higher Education

1. Request the drafting of a bill to make certain changes to the qualifications for the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). Specifically, amend [NRS 396.210](#) to:
 - a. Remove language relating to membership in the Association of American Universities; and
 - b. Authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to establish minimum qualifications and degree requirements for the position of Chancellor. **(BDR 34-439)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill to make certain changes to the Task Force on Power-Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education membership and reporting requirements. Specifically, amend NRS to:
 - a. Remove the Chief General Counsel of NSHE, or their designee, as a formal member of the Task Force and reclassify the position as a designated legal advisor ([NRS 396.141](#));
 - b. Authorize the Chancellor to approve interim appointments or fill Task Force vacancies subject to subsequent ratification by the Board of Regents ([NRS 396.141](#)); and
 - c. Combine the content reporting requirements under [NRS 396.1415](#) and [NRS 396.143](#) and eliminate the February 1 reporting date requirement. **(BDR 34-440)**
3. Request the drafting of a bill to repeal [NRS 396.620](#) through [396.660](#) regarding the analysis of any samples of ores, minerals, soil, or water from Nevada taken and sent by any Nevada resident. **(BDR S-441)**

Curriculum and Instruction

4. Request the drafting of a bill to allow career and technical education (CTE) coursework in the subject area of advanced computer science, cybersecurity, or web design to fulfill the course credit requirement for computer education and technology located in subsection 3 of [NRS 389.018](#). **(BDR 34–442)**

Early Childhood

5. Request the drafting of a bill to establish a Nevada Department of Early Childhood to plan and organize Nevada’s early childhood system that will:
 - a. Centralize authority, maximize mixed delivery through public and private partnerships, and reduce administrative bureaucracies for families and providers;
 - b. Align policy, procedures, eligibility determinations, and program administration, and review annual funding;
 - c. Establish strategies to align policies and procedures among state and local regulatory entities for childcare—including licensing, fire and building safety, health departments, and local government special use zoning—and oversight of childcare businesses; and
 - d. Establish a dedicated Early Childhood Fund within the Department to supplement existing resources to expand early childhood programs and services, including quality support and infrastructure, to increase the number of eligible children who have access to high-quality early childhood programs. **(BDR 18–443)**

Student Well-Being and Supports

6. Request the drafting of a bill to create a comprehensive plan to expand Nevada’s workforce pipeline and address critical shortages. This includes:
 - a. Fortifying the behavioral health workforce;
 - b. Ensuring collaboration between NSHE education and training programs;
 - c. Maintaining state funding for multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) and use of the MTSS framework as the foundation for Medicaid billing to maximize federal funds;
 - d. Evaluating and ensuring current school behavioral health personnel are being utilized to the tops of their scope of practice; and
 - e. Nevada’s Department of Education (NDE) providing technical assistance to school districts for Medicaid billing. **(BDR 34–444)**

Teachers and Administrators

7. Request the drafting of a bill to create the Nevada Educator Workforce Task Force that is comprised of representatives from NDE, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, the State Board of Education, the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (CIEE), NSHE, the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA), two district superintendents of counties with a population over 100,000, one district superintendent from a county with a population under 100,000, the Nevada State Education Association, the Clark County Education Association, and four at-large representatives (or their designees) appointed by the Majority and Minority Leaders in each legislative body to:
 - a. Align Nevada’s educator licensure, preparation, employment, and workforce data systems into one coherent system;
 - b. Refocus the licensure and grade-band architecture around children’s development needs;
 - c. Create more efficient pathways tied to hiring opportunities, as appropriate;
 - d. Provide professional development for provisionally licensed teachers who are already rated as effective;
 - e. Build a multi-year predictive staffing model that informs higher education what Nevada will need;
 - f. Aim incentive dollars at shortage areas and retention; and
 - g. Leverage federal workforce funds for such initiatives. Further, the Task Force will report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education during the 2027–2028 Interim, and the Task Force will sunset after the 2027–2028 Interim. **(BDR S–445)**
8. Request the drafting of a bill to establish a student loan forgiveness program for teachers participating in the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Nevada. A teacher must complete seven years of teaching and receive an evaluation rating of effective or higher each year after their third year of teaching to qualify for full loan forgiveness (one-seventh of a loan forgiven each year). Special education teachers must complete five years of teaching and receive an evaluation rating of effective or higher each year after their third year of teaching to qualify for full loan forgiveness (one-fifth of a loan forgiven each year). **(BDR –446)**
9. Request the drafting of a bill to expand the criteria of hard-to-fill positions (e.g., school counselors, certain special education personnel, and school psychologists) in public schools eligible for additional compensation pursuant to [Assembly Bill 398](#) (2025). **(BDR 34–444)**

Governance and Operations

10. Request the drafting of a bill to make the following changes to the Committee on Responses to Power-Based Violence in Schools in [NRS 388.1326](#):
 - a. Change language regarding the member who identifies as a victim of power-based violence to: “at least one pupil who is a pupil in a public or charter school in this State”; and
 - b. Amend the statute to allow the Chair of the Committee on Statewide School Safety to appoint three “other members as necessary and appropriate” to the Committee. **(BDR 34–447)**

Charter Schools

11. Request the drafting of a bill to align statutory gaps related to multiple charter school authorizers, including application timelines, concurrent applications to multiple sponsors, and governance oversight for charter organizations that are authorized by more than one Nevada entity. Additionally, strengthen timely, legally compliant, and transparent closure and transition processes by:
 - a. Authorizing the SPCSA to request the appointment of a court-appointed receiver when a charter school ceases operations to support the orderly closure of the school;
 - b. Clarifying the authority of receivers and closing administrators;
 - c. Providing mechanisms to safeguard public funds when charter schools are in financial distress; and
 - d. Providing a dedicated budget line item within the SPCSA’s budget to account for closure-related costs when a school is insolvent. **(BDR 34–448)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Curriculum and Instruction

12. Send a letter to NDE to encourage the coordination of statewide education on the Holocaust and other genocides by improving communication and engagement with districts and educators as it relates to this topic and available resources. This includes developing standards-alignment guidance documents to help districts and educators integrate instruction into existing courses; drafting curriculum-specific recommendations and guidance and curating vetted classroom resources; providing targeted professional learning focused on statutory requirements and standards alignment; and continuing to monitor participation trends and implementation data to identify educator support needs and geographic participation gaps.

13. Send a letter to NDE and the Nevada school districts to highlight the need for and importance of improving math literacy throughout the state, including supporting teachers in math instruction with the appropriate tools and resources.
14. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts and schools to expand CTE offerings.
15. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts and schools to expand access to dual-credit and work-based learning opportunities and to couple these programs with strong academic and career advising systems for students.

Early Childhood

16. Send a letter to the Governor and the Senate Committee on Finance (FIN) and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means (WM) of the 2027 Legislative Session to encourage expanding durable pre-K funding to allow schools and centers to fully commit to pre-K expansion; adopting enrollment-based payment practices; reinstating targeted slot payment programs; increasing income eligibility for childcare subsidies; establishing a dedicated early childhood fund; enabling local level innovation and investment; expanding Nevada Ready! State Pre-K and partnerships; and monitoring outcomes.

Student Well-Being and Supports

17. Send a letter to the Governor, NDE, Nevada Medicaid, and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to prioritize and provide ongoing funding for school safety, student and teacher mental health supports, and student physical health resources. Additionally, encourage them to:
 - a. Support the modernization of Medicaid policies and practices for school health services;
 - b. Provide technical assistance to districts for Medicaid billing;
 - c. Support Medicaid in its development of a School Health Resource Center;
 - d. Create a shared vision for a comprehensive school mental health system among a diverse, interconnected agency system;
 - e. Secure adequate funding to establish and sustain access to behavioral health services using the MTSS framework and other best practices in all public K through 12 schools in Nevada; and
 - f. Expand scarce health resources, including screening.
18. Send a letter to the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to increase Communities In Schools of Nevada funding, fund a site coordinator for every middle school, fund remote physical and mental health care in every school, and fund legislatively required family resource centers.

19. Send a letter to NDE to:
 - a. Encourage school districts and charter schools to establish and sustain a comprehensive school mental health system;
 - b. Foster community partnerships with prevention coalitions, regional behavioral health coordinators, tribal leaders, and families;
 - c. Enact policies that align with national best practices for comprehensive school mental health systems;
 - d. Encourage NDE to develop and distribute model policies to guide districts in establishing comprehensive health practices;
 - e. Integrate mental health literacy practices in the K through 12 education system;
 - f. Train educators and school personnel to identify risks of behavioral health conditions;
 - g. Provide technical assistance to districts and schools implementing such systems;
 - h. Encourage districts and charter schools to develop partnerships to address social determinants of health that may contribute to education challenges; and
 - i. Adopt compatible data and evaluation platforms to reduce administrative burdens.
20. Send a letter to the board of trustees of each school district to encourage the use of an early warning notification system for students and their parent and/or legal guardian as it relates to the establishment of procedures to monitor chronic absenteeism required by [NRS 392.150](#).
21. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts and schools to expand the use and integration of MTSS.
22. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts and schools to expand the practice of school-based Medicaid billing for school health services and for NDE to continue and expand related technical assistance.

Teachers and Administrators

23. Send a letter to school districts to encourage staff training on trauma-informed practices, recognizing and responding to power-based violence, and supporting student survivors. Additionally, implement prevention education for students that is focused on healthy relationships, consent, boundaries, and the prevention of power-based violence.
24. Send a letter to the Education Service Center to encourage it to collaborate with the appropriate agencies to develop statewide guidance for navigating the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to

assist school district decision-making; create standardized, statewide consent forms; and develop statewide information sharing protocols for communications between schools, community health providers, and Medicaid.

25. Send a letter to NDE to encourage it to develop a guide or framework relating to onboarding and professional support programming for newly hired special education teachers and education support professionals (ESPs). The document should include the development of a standardized special education training program for ESPs new to special education assignments and ongoing professional development opportunities focused on special education instructional practices, compliance, individualized education plan implementation, behavior supports, MTSS, positive behavioral interventions and supports, data collection, and related topics. Additionally, the document should encourage establishing a mentorship program pairing newly hired special education teachers and ESPs with experienced practitioners, a statewide onboarding toolkit and resource library, and the idea of incentives, stipends, professional learning credits, or other supports to encourage onboarding program participation.
26. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts to pay student teachers as substitutes while they complete their student teaching program requirements.
27. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to increase funding and expand eligibility for the Nevada Teacher Advancement Scholarship, Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Scholarship, Teach Nevada Scholarship, and Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation program to include specialized instructional support personnel (e.g., school counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers), CTE educators, and special education specialists.

Governance and Operations

28. Send a letter to NDE and school districts to encourage the inclusion of parental involvement and family engagement metrics and strategies in the initial planning phase of all new curriculum rollouts, technology initiatives, and student support services.
29. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts to use *Nevada's Security, Transparency, Empowerment, Learning, Leadership, Achievement, Responsible Use (STELLAR) Pathway to AI Teaching and Learning: Ethics, Principles, and Guidance* document from NDE and develop student artificial intelligence (AI) rights. Additionally, encourage school districts to use the plan for the use of educational technology required under [NRS 388.795](#) to identify opportunities to support students and educators with AI-enabled tools. Finally, encourage NDE to assess high-impact tools, pilot test systems, and perform an equity review of AI to support districts in developing AI policies that promote safe, developmentally appropriate learning environments.

30. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage NDE to consider a pilot program for personalized competency-based learning, based on recommendations by the CIEE.
31. Include a statement in the Committee's final report to encourage school districts and schools to ensure families have clear, timely, and actionable information about their child's school performance and to reconnect with families who have transitioned to homeschooling or private schooling during the pandemic to share opportunities available in Nevada's public schools.

Public School Funding

32. Send a letter to the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to revise the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (PCFP) and other related statutes by:
 - a. Changing the hold harmless provision in NRS from 5 percent to 3 percent when comparing the current quarter's average daily enrollment to the same quarter of the previous year. If the hold harmless provision is triggered, funding is to be reduced by 3 percent;
 - b. Holding the Nevada cost of education index at a factor of 1.0 until state funding reaches 90 percent of the national average;
 - c. Strengthening NDE's role during the interim in the collection of budget information; and
 - d. Identifying areas where the Education Service Center could provide statewide support and recommending an increase of funding and resources for the Center.
33. Send a letter to the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to allow the money allocated to pupils by the Legislature to be spread out among all pupils, rather than reverting to Nevada's Rainy Day Fund, if pupil enrollment is lower than anticipated.
34. Send a letter to the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session encouraging the PCFP to keep pace with inflation and cost-of-living adjustments.
35. Send a letter to the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to encourage special education funding to reflect actual delivery costs per pupil.
36. Send a letter to the Governor and the FIN and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session to encourage changing the quarterly funding adjustment to a single, annual adjustment to provide greater stability to school district budgets.

BULLETIN 27-6

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.320

NRS 218E.320 Creation; membership; officers; vacancies.

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- (c) Government Affairs;
- (d) Growth and Infrastructure;
- (e) Health and Human Services;
- (f) Judiciary;
- (g) Legislative Operations and Elections;
- (h) Natural Resources; and
- (i) Revenue.

2. Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. As soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session and not later than October 31 immediately following such adjournment:

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3. Before making their respective appointments, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and Assembly shall consult so that, to the extent practicable:

(a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing committee or committees during the preceding regular session.

(b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same political party.

4. The Legislative Commission shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among the members of the Committee and shall make such appointments as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session and not later than October 31 immediately following such adjournment. The Chair must be appointed from one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium between the Houses of the Legislature.

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6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. The membership of any member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be, may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(Added to NRS by [2021, 2505](#); A [2025, 2918](#))

ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs is a permanent committee of the Legislature whose duties and responsibilities are set forth in [NRS 218E.320](#). The Committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of issues affecting the structure and activities of state and local government. In addition to other issues, the Committee reviews topics related to housing authorities; planning, zoning, and redevelopment; public officers and employees; and public works. The Committee also reviews issues related to government transparency, including laws regulating public records and the Open Meeting Law. Finally, the Committee retains authority over military and veterans' issues, homeland security, and emergency management.

The Committee held six meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. The meetings addressed a variety of issues under the purview of the Committee. Specifically, the Committee reviewed issues surrounding artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, emergency management, law enforcement, local government issues, public employees' benefits, public records, and public meetings.

The Committee voted to forward ten recommendations for legislation to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2027, addressing artificial intelligence, law enforcement, homelessness, abandoned vehicles, public records, and public meetings.

More information about the Committee's activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature's website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs at its meeting on August 27, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Vehicles

1. Request the drafting of a bill to expand the trail connector distance described in [NRS 490.090](#) for off-highway vehicles from two to five miles. **(BDR 43–497)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill making various changes relating to derelict vehicles. **(BDR 43–506)**

Public Meetings

3. Request the drafting of a bill to revise provisions governing the public hearing process of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to improve public access. **(BDR –498)**

Homelessness

4. Request the drafting of a bill to define persons experiencing homelessness and to clarify protected rights of such persons. **(BDR –499)**

Law Enforcement

5. Request the drafting of a bill to implement the recommendations of the Purple Ribbon Task Force on Firefighter and Peace Officer Wellness relating to the well-being of public safety personnel. **(BDR –500)**
6. Request the drafting of a bill to require law enforcement agencies to submit standardized reports on enforcement activity occurring during special events and other large-scale events, including public demonstrations and protests, to the Nevada Legislature. **(BDR –501)**
7. Request the drafting of a bill to revise provisions relating to peace officer labor organizations, including topics such as collective bargaining, disciplinary procedures, and transparency in certain personnel matters. **(BDR –502)**

8. Request the drafting of a bill to address potential liability issues arising from memoranda of understanding between local law enforcement agencies and federal agencies relating to immigration enforcement. **(BDR –503)**

Artificial Intelligence

9. Request the drafting of a bill to establish standards for the use of artificial intelligence by state and local governmental entities, including requirements relating to transparency, accountability, and protections against bias in automated decision-making. **(BDR –504)**

Public Records

10. Request the drafting of a bill to implement the recommendations of the Public Records Task Force relating to the administration and enforcement of Nevada’s public records law. **(BDR –505)**

BULLETIN 27-7

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.320

NRS 218E.320 Creation; membership; officers; vacancies.

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7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(Added to NRS by [2021, 2505](#); A [2025, 2918](#))

ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure is a permanent committee of the Legislature. The Committee considers topics related to transportation and energy, including highways, roads, and bridges; mass transit projects; motor carriers; motor vehicles, including motorcycles and off-highway vehicles; traffic safety and laws, including bicycles and pedestrian issues; energy policy; public utilities; and renewable energy policy and programs. The jurisdiction and members of the standing Senate and Assembly Committees on Growth and Infrastructure are reflected in the Committee.

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure held six meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. Members attended meetings at the Legislative Building in Carson City, Nevada, and the Nevada Legislature Office Building in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meetings were videoconferenced between the Carson City and Las Vegas locations.

The meetings addressed a variety of issues and programs relating to energy, infrastructure, and transportation, as follows:

1. [February 3, 2026](#)—Overview of the Committee and discussions with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Division of Industrial Relations, Department of Business and Industry, and the Division of Environmental Protection, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, regarding workplace safety, environmental compliance, and regulatory enforcement oversight related to operations by The Boring Company.
2. [March 3, 2026](#)—Presentations related to the State Highway Fund; regional roadway projects and transit funding; research and modeling of electric fee structures; and revenue mechanisms, including electric vehicle fees, retail delivery fees, and road user charges.
3. [March 25, 2026](#)—Joint meeting with the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources focusing on energy needs and water use driven by data centers. Presentations on policy trends; power and water needs; infrastructure, rates, and regulatory frameworks; resource planning; sustainability and design; and environmental and cultural considerations.
4. [April 21, 2026](#)—Presentations related to utility rate structures and planning, including demand charges, net metering, [Assembly Bill 452](#) (2025), and NV Energy’s Integrated Resource Plan; virtual power plants; the state of rooftop solar; intervener compensation in utility proceedings; legislative implementation updates from the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; and perspectives on wildfire liability risks.
5. [May 19, 2026](#)—Presentations related to motorcycle lane filtering; traffic safety policy recommendations from the Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety; local law enforcement traffic safety initiatives, including automated traffic cameras; and traffic

safety campaigns, including Live Better Lyon presented by Lyon County and Safe Routes to School and Complete Streets programs presented by Carson City.

6. [August 18, 2026](#)—Presentation of the final report and recommendations of the Regional Rail Transit Advisory Working Group appointed pursuant to [Assembly Bill 256](#) (2025). The Committee also held its work session.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure at its meeting on August 18, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Energy

1. Request the drafting of a bill to amend [NRS 590.120](#) by removing the inspection fee on lubricating oil and revising the inspection fee on motor vehicle fuel and certain diesel fuels. **(BDR 51–431)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill to amend [Chapter 702](#) of NRS to expand eligibility for residential weatherization and energy assistance programs. **(BDR 58–432)**

Transit

3. Request the drafting of a bill to create a statewide entity to coordinate the development of rail transit with regional considerations. **(BDR 22–433)**
4. Request the drafting of a bill to decrease the population limit in [NRS 277A.410](#) from a county whose population is 700,000 or more to a county whose population is 100,000 or more to include the regional transportation commissions of certain counties in certain powers and authorities related to high-capacity transit. **(BDR 22–434)**
5. Request the drafting of a bill to generate new, dedicated revenue to sustain existing transit service in the state and to support the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of high-capacity transit in metropolitan areas. **(BDR 32–435)**
6. Request the drafting of a bill to conduct a study analyzing how other states fund public transit. **(BDR S–436)**

Transportation Safety

7. Request the drafting of a bill to create the Nevada Work Zone Safe Program as a mandatory, web-based educational course for first-time instruction permit applicants under the age of 18. **(BDR 43–437)**

BULLETIN 27-8

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

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(a) At least five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee served on the corresponding standing committee or committees during the preceding regular session.

(b) Not more than five of the regular members appointed to each Joint Interim Standing Committee are members of the same political party.

4. The Legislative Commission shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of each Joint Interim Standing Committee from among the members of the Committee and shall make such appointments as soon as is practicable after the adjournment of each regular session and not later than October 31 immediately following such adjournment. The Chair must be appointed from one House of the Legislature and the Vice Chair from the other House. The position of Chair must alternate each biennium between the Houses of the Legislature.

5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each Chair and Vice Chair holds the position, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

6. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. The membership of any member of a Joint Interim Standing Committee who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Speaker designate of the Assembly or the Majority Leader designate of the Senate, as the case may be, may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

7. Vacancies on a Joint Interim Standing Committee must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

(Added to NRS by [2021, 2505](#); A [2025, 2918](#))

ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (JISC HHS) is a permanent interim committee of the Nevada Legislature whose authority and responsibilities are set forth in [NRS 218E.330](#) and [NRS 439B.220](#) through [439B.227](#). The responsibilities include reviewing and evaluating the quality and effectiveness of programs for the prevention of illness and analyzing the overall system of medical care in Nevada. Additionally, the Committee may: (1) review health insurance issues; (2) examine hospital-related matters, medical malpractice issues, and the health education system; and (3) evaluate and review issues relating to child welfare, among others. Further, the Committee considers topics primarily related to behavioral and mental health; health care; public health and safety; public welfare; and food, drugs, and cosmetics, among other issues. Finally, its jurisdiction includes issues that fall under the purview of the Senate and Assembly Standing Committees on Health and Human Services from the 2025 Legislative Session.

The JISC HHS held seven meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim, including a work session during its last meeting on August 11, 2026. Throughout the interim, the JISC HHS considered topics relating to maternal and infant health, public health, mental and behavioral health, and child welfare. Specific summaries for each meeting can be found below:

1. [January 6, 2026](#)—The first meeting focused on the restructuring of the former Department of Health and Human Services into the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA). This included an overview of each new department and an update on implementation of legislation from the 2025 Session.
2. [February 17, 2026](#)—Presentations at the second meeting focused on issues relating to maternal and infant health. Specifically, members heard information concerning: (1) strategies to improve perinatal health outcomes; (2) lactation support and expanding access to international board-certified lactation consultants; (3) substance use in pregnant people; and (4) support for birthing centers.
3. [March 31, 2026](#)—The third meeting included presentations on: (1) public health systems and access to immunizations amid ongoing federal changes; (2) research and recommendations on tobacco control; (3) gun violence injury data; (4) extreme heat and the use of cooling stations; and (5) barriers for pharmacists providing patient care.
4. [April 28, 2026](#)—The fourth meeting specifically focused on changes to the health care landscape in Nevada following the implementation of H.R.1 (Federal Legislation known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”), 119th Congress, introduced by United States Representative Jodey C. Arrington (R–Texas). This included discussions on: (1) changes to Nevada Medicaid, including the implementation of work requirements, eligibility changes, and reductions in provider taxes; (2) eligibility changes for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Division of Social Services (DSS), DHS, and DHS efforts

to reduce payment error rates; and (3) the impact to hospitals, health centers, and nonprofits.

5. [May 12, 2026](#)—Presentations at the fifth meeting centered around mental and behavioral health, with The Lincy Institute and Brookings Mountain West providing an overview of the mental and behavioral health landscape in Nevada. Other presentations included: (1) an overview of the opioid and substance use environment; (2) a review of mental and behavioral services for incarcerated populations; (3) an update on Nevada Medicaid's Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Project; and (4) an overview from DHS on the sequential intercept model and how individuals with mental and substance use disorders move through the criminal justice system.
6. [June 30, 2026](#)—The sixth meeting primarily focused on the health and well-being of children, with several task forces presenting on various matters relating to the child welfare system in Nevada. Presentations also included: (1) a review of Nevada's Child Care and Development Program, DSS, DHS; (2) an update on the Fund for a Healthy Nevada and the Fund for a Resilient Nevada, both administered by DHS; (3) a report by NVHA on a proposal to create a program to reinvest money for the provision of services to tribal communities; and (4) recommendations to address health care workforce shortages.
7. [August 11, 2026](#)—At its final meeting, the JISC HHS conducted a work session and approved 15 bill draft requests related to: (1) a perinatal quality collaborative; (2) improvements to quality and access to perinatal health care; (3) a maternal health center of excellence; (4) disease surveillance, investigation, and response; (5) state agency reporting requirements; (6) codification of the Olmstead decision; (7) health care oversight and billing; (8) patient navigation and care coordination for high-need populations; (9) treatment of substance use disorders; (10) court-ordered substance use evaluations; (11) dissemination of criminal history records; (12) confidentiality and release of records by child welfare agencies; (13) intensive in-home services for at-risk youth; (14) hidden foster care; and (15) funding of child welfare services.

More information about the Committee's activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature's website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services at its meeting on August 11, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Perinatal Quality Collaborative

1. Propose legislation to require the Department of Human Services (DHS), in collaboration with the Nevada Health Authority (NVHA), to establish, administer, and maintain a statewide Perinatal Quality Collaborative. The purpose of the Collaborative is to: (1) reduce preventable maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities in maternal health outcomes in this state; (2) reduce preventable neonatal mortality and morbidity; and (3) promote joint maternal-neonatal safety and quality across the continuum of perinatal care;
 - a. The Governor shall appoint a board of directors to govern the Collaborative consisting of not more than 17 voting members, while ensuring geographic representation and racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity that is reflective of the birthing population of this state. The members of the board serve without compensation. The members shall serve staggered terms of two years. The members must include:
 - i. A maternal-fetal medicine physician actively practicing in this state, nominated jointly by the Nevada Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, or its successor organization, who shall serve as Chair of the board;
 - ii. An obstetrician gynecologist actively practicing general obstetrics in this state, nominated by the Nevada Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or its successor organization;
 - iii. A neonatologist actively practicing in this state, nominated by the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, or its successor organization, who shall serve as Vice Chair, with responsibility for neonatal quality;
 - iv. A family physician who provides maternity care, nominated by the Nevada Academy of Family Physicians, or its successor organization;

- v. A certified nurse-midwife actively practicing in this state, nominated by the Nevada affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, or its successor organization;
 - vi. Two registered nurses with active clinical responsibility for maternity or neonatal care, one of whom must have obstetric responsibility and one of whom must have neonatal responsibility, nominated by the Nevada affiliate of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, or its successor organization;
 - vii. A hospital chief nursing officer, or perinatal service line leader, from a hospital in this state that provides labor and delivery services, nominated by the Nevada Hospital Association, or its successor organization;
 - viii. A representative of a rural or frontier hospital in this state that provides labor and delivery services, nominated by the Nevada Rural Hospital Partners, or its successor organization;
 - ix. A representative of Nevada Medicaid;
 - x. A representative of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), DHS;
 - xi. A representative of a Medicaid managed care organization operating in this state, selected on a rotating basis;
 - xii. A representative of a commercial health carrier operating in this state, selected on a rotating basis by the Commissioner of Insurance, Division of Insurance, Department of Business and Industry;
 - xiii. Two representatives of patient and community advocacy organizations, with demonstrated engagement in maternal health equity in this state;
 - xiv. A representative of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, designated by the Chair of that Committee; and
 - xv. A doula or community health worker, actively serving families in this state who are giving birth;
- b. The board shall appoint an Executive Director, who shall also serve as the Medical Director of the Collaborative, and who must:
- i. Be a licensed physician at the time of appointment, and maintain such licensure for the duration of service;
 - ii. Hold board certification in obstetrics and gynecology, and subspecialty certification in maternal-fetal medicine;

- iii. Have maintained active clinical responsibility for the care of pregnant people, or postpartum people, within the three years immediately preceding appointment, and maintain such responsibility for the duration of services; and
 - iv. Be compensated at not less than a 0.3 full-time equivalent, at prevailing national maternal-fetal medicine physician compensation rates as reported by the Medical Group Management Association, or its successor organization, adjusted annually;
- c. The Collaborative shall:
 - i. Develop, adopt, implement, and evaluate statewide quality improvement initiatives addressing severe maternal morbidity, maternal mortality, and inequities in maternal and neonatal outcomes;
 - ii. Adopt maternal safety bundles and neonatal safety bundles for statewide implementation, drawing on evidence-based bundles developed by national and state perinatal quality organizations;
 - iii. Convene not fewer than six learning collaborative meetings each year, and one statewide annual meeting;
 - iv. Collaborate with the Office of Analytics, NVHA, to produce a statewide perinatal data platform that provides hospital-level quality feedback; and
 - v. On or before June 30 of each year, prepare and submit a report to the Governor and the Director of the LCB. The report must include:
 - 1. Statewide and, where appropriate, hospital-level perinatal quality metrics, including rates of severe maternal morbidity, primary cesarean deliveries among nulliparous term singleton vertex pregnancies, obstetric hemorrhage response, hypertensive disease of pregnancy response, and other measures adopted by the Collaborative;
 - 2. A summary of the quality improvement initiatives conducted during the reporting period, and any measurable outcomes attributable to those initiatives; and
 - 3. Any recommendations of the Collaborative to the Legislature;
- d. Each hospital and birthing facility operating a labor and delivery, or neonatal intensive care, unit shall participate annually in at least one Collaborative quality improvement initiative and shall report a minimum perinatal data set established by the Authority;

- e. The Collaborative may, to the extent funding is available, establish and administer a hospital engagement program to provide grants to support participation by rural, frontier, and lower acuity hospitals;
- f. The Director of DHS may accept and expend grants, gifts, donations, or appropriations that would further the purpose of, or assist in the establishment of, the Collaborative;
- g. The Collaborative may receive and review data necessary to its function. Hospital identifiable and patient-identifiable data submitted to the Collaborative, and the analysis of such data, are confidential, are not public records, must not be disclosed, and are not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceedings; and
- h. The Collaborative shall coordinate with the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, Nevada Medicaid, and the Title V Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Program. **(BDR 40–399)**

Improvements to Quality and Access to Perinatal Health Care

2. Propose legislation to:

- a. Require the DHS to prioritize women’s health equity by reviewing trends and inequities related to women’s health, and to develop recommendations to reduce disparities and improve women’s health outcomes;
- b. Amend subsection 2 of [NRS 442.133](#), and subsection 2 of [NRS 442.764](#), to prioritize membership on the Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Health and the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to include individuals who are a:
 - i. Licensed and practicing obstetrician;
 - ii. Certified professional midwife;
 - iii. Registered nurse;
 - iv. Licensed mental health professional;
 - v. Social worker or community health worker;
 - vi. Nutritionist;
 - vii. Internal medicine physician or endocrinologist;
 - viii. Pharmacist;
 - ix. Doula; or
 - x. Lactation consultant;

- c. Require the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, in collaboration with the Office of Analytics, to annually publish maternal mortality and morbidity data that is disaggregated by race, ethnicity, geography, and insurance status. Additionally, the Maternal Mortality Review Committee must establish a rapid review process to allow the data to be used as a public health surveillance tool, to address trends in maternal mortality;
- d. Require a hospital or freestanding birthing center to provide a qualified sign language interpreter to a patient who is deaf or hard of hearing, and is in labor or intends to give birth at the facility, unless providing an interpreter would be impractical under the circumstances or delay necessary care for the patient;
- e. Require the NVHA to seek any necessary federal authority to provide reimbursement for the performance of social determinants of health screenings, and to provide referral to services following a screening, particularly to improve maternal and infant health outcomes;
- f. Require hospitals and birth centers to allow a doula, support person, or companion to accompany a pregnant or postpartum person during labor, delivery, and postpartum recovery. Hospitals or birth centers that fail to comply may be subject to administrative penalties;
- g. Require private and public health insurers to provide coverage for at-home blood pressure monitors through 12 months postpartum, with managed care organization follow-up as a care coordination service;
- h. Require Nevada Health Link to establish a special enrollment period that includes a pregnant individual upon the confirmation of a pregnancy. The Director of the NVHA shall seek all necessary federal authority to implement the new special enrollment period;
- i. Authorize DHS, in collaboration with any nonprofit entity or institution of higher education, to establish a perinatal support access line to provide peer support, resources, and referrals to new and expectant parents and people in the emotional transition to parenthood, or at risk of postpartum depression or other mental health issues;
- j. Require the NVHA, in collaboration with DHS, to work with hospitals and licensed health care providers to develop policies, procedures, information, and educational materials to implement and incentivize providers to screen for perinatal behavioral health conditions, and to provide connections to follow-up care;
- k. Require the NVHA, in consultation with the Nevada Hospital Association, to recommend that hospitals implement evidence-based protocols for inpatient administration of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) to pregnant patients with an opioid use disorder. The protocols shall not require a patient to accept inpatient induction of MOUD, and may include information on follow up care and referrals for treatment of an opioid use disorder. Additionally, the NVHA may seek

any necessary federal authority to cover hospital-based induction of MOUD in pregnant patients;

- l. Prohibit mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers from refusing to treat a patient solely because the individual is pregnant or postpartum, as long as appropriate services are offered by the provider. A pregnant or postpartum individual shall not be denied treatment because the individual is receiving medications for addiction or behavioral health treatment;
- m. Require the Director of the NVHA to seek any necessary federal authority to provide Medicaid reimbursement to freestanding birth centers, including reimbursement for:
 - i. Newborn facility fees;
 - ii. Obstetric triage and labor evaluations;
 - iii. Labor support and a second provider; and
 - iv. An increase to the existing vaginal delivery rate to be comparable to neighboring states;
- n. Require commercial health insurers operating in Nevada to include licensed and accredited freestanding birth centers in their provider networks for covered maternity and newborn services, and require the Division of Insurance to develop network adequacy standards for maternity care; and
- o. Require private and public health insurers to provide coverage for FDA-approved non-hormonal treatment for menopause. **(BDR 40–400)**

Maternal Health Center of Excellence

3. Propose legislation to authorize the Nevada System of Higher Education, through an institution of higher education, to establish a maternal health center of excellence. The center shall provide academic, research, and service-learning opportunities to students, researchers, and health care providers to promote the health and well-being of women, infants, and children, and to reduce complex, high-risk pregnancies. **(BDR 34–401)**

Disease Surveillance, Investigation, and Response

4. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Appropriate from the State General Fund to DPBH the sum of \$6,714,727 to support disease infrastructure and activities, including but not limited to disease surveillance, investigation, and response, for allocation to the following entities in the prescribed amounts:
 - i. Carson City Health and Human Services, \$770,163;

- ii. Central Nevada Health District, \$301,960;
- iii. Northern Nevada Public Health, \$2,579,900;
- iv. Southern Nevada Health District, \$1,404,704; and
- v. The remaining balance of \$1,658,000 is appropriated to DPBH for the same activities statewide;

All funds shall be provided at the beginning of the biennium and available for expenditure through June 30, 2030;

- b. Appropriate from the State General Fund to the School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the sum of \$700,000 over the biennium for workforce development around disease surveillance, investigation, and response at state and local health authorities, to expand their capacity and grow the pipeline of qualified individuals entering the workforce in Nevada. Funding will support:
 - i. Epidemiology fellowships to help promising, but inexperienced, epidemiologists gain necessary experience through placements at state and local health authorities throughout Nevada; and
 - ii. Graduate assistantships with a focus on disease surveillance, investigation, and response, placed at local health authorities in southern Nevada;
- c. Appropriate from the State General Fund to the School of Public Health, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), the sum of \$700,000 over the biennium for workforce development around disease surveillance, investigation, and response at state and local health authorities, to expand their capacity and grow the pipeline of qualified individuals entering the workforce in Nevada. Funding will support:
 - i. Analytic workshops and courses for epidemiologists, disease investigators, biostatisticians, and similar professionals working at state and local health authorities to improve response readiness; and
 - ii. Graduate assistantships with a focus on disease surveillance, investigation, and response, placed at state and local health authorities in northern Nevada;
- d. Appropriate from the State General Fund to the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory the sum of \$1,000,000 over the biennium to support disease response and lab infrastructure;
- e. Appropriate from the State General Fund to the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory the sum of \$1,000,000 over the biennium to support disease response and lab infrastructure; and
- f. Amend [NRS 439.240](#) to transfer the maintenance of the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory to the School of Public Health, UNR. **(BDR 40–402)**

State Agency Reporting Requirements

5. Propose legislation to:

- a. Amend subsection 2 of [NRS 422.390](#) to require the disproportionate share payment report to be due annually on December 31, instead of quarterly;
- b. Amend subsection 4 of [NRS 422A.660](#) to require the Diapering Resources Committee report to be due every five years on September 30, beginning in 2030, instead of biennially;
- c. Amend [NRS 702.275](#) to require the report on unspent and unencumbered money from the Fund for Energy Assistance and Conservation to be due on January 20, instead of January 5;
- d. Transfer the height and weight of pupils reporting requirements in subsection 11 of [NRS 392.420](#) to [NRS 439.521](#), to combine with the annual report on obesity, creating one single reporting requirement instead of two separate reports;
- e. Transfer the Food for People, Not Landfills Program annual reporting requirement in subsection 5 of [NRS 232.4969](#) to [NRS 232.4968](#), to combine with the Council on Food Security Annual Report, creating one single reporting requirement instead of two separate reports;
- f. Repeal subsection 3 of [NRS 422.27497](#), which requires the Medicaid Division, NVHA, to report on the provision of services to Medicaid recipients who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder;
- g. Repeal subsection 2 of [NRS 422A.630](#), which requires the Director of DHS to report on the description of measures included in the state plan for the Program for Child Care and Development designed to increase the availability of child care for children with a disability, and any data concerning the reimbursement for usage of such services;
- h. Repeal subsection 6 of [NRS 422A.675](#), which requires DPBH to report on distributions from the Diapering Resources Account;
- i. Repeal subsection 4 of [NRS 427A.610](#), which requires the Aging and Disability Services Division, DHS, to report on the program to provide free hearing aids to certain children;
- j. Repeal subsection 3 of [NRS 439.261](#), which requires DPBH to report on the status of any grants applied for to address race-based health disparities relating to kidney disease;

- k. Repeal subsection 3 of [NRS 439B.360](#), which requires the Director of DHS to submit a report concerning the results of the evaluation of, and any recommendations made to improve, the program to increase awareness of health care programs for children; and
- l. Repeal paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 5 of [NRS 695I.380](#), which require biannual reports concerning the finances and operations of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. **(BDR 38–403)**

Codification of the Olmstead Decision

6. Propose legislation to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to codify the decision from *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), which states that people with disabilities have a qualified right to receive state funded supports and services in the community rather than institutions when: (1) integration in the community is appropriate; (2) the individual does not oppose living in the community; and (3) the provision of services in the community would be a reasonable accommodation when balanced with available resources and other similarly situated individuals with disabilities. **(BDR R–404)**

Health Care Oversight and Billing Integrity

7. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Require the Commissioner of Insurance to create an office within the Division of Insurance that is specifically tasked with the identification, investigation, and referral of suspected health insurance fraud. This office shall coordinate with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, NVHA, along with the Insurance Fraud Unit and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General, to coordinate and streamline investigations. The office may access the all-payer claims database to assist in the identification and investigation of health insurance fraud. Additionally, the Commissioner shall work with insurers to implement program integrity measures to reduce fraudulent health care billing; and
 - b. Include the provisions of Sections 27 and 28 of [Senate Bill 378](#) (2025), as passed by the Legislature, which:
 - i. Require Medicaid providers to maintain and provide certain documents to NVHA for the purpose of verifying claims. If NVHA is unable to verify a claim, it may deny the claim or recover the amount of the payment from the Medicaid provider; and
 - ii. Prescribe a process for NVHA to review claims for appropriateness and propriety and authorize NVHA to deny or recover any amount paid for a claim or take certain actions based on such reviews. **(BDR 57–405)**

Patient Navigation and Care Coordination for High-Need Populations

8. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Direct the NVHA to adopt regulations establishing standards for interoperability and data sharing for high-need patients among Medicaid managed care organizations, health care facilities, emergency medical services providers, political subdivisions, and the state, including standards governing participation in and the use of a homeless information management system and comparable data systems, so individuals with high needs may be identified, tracked, and served across the agencies and organizations responsible for their care, subject to applicable privacy protections;
 - b. Require the Director of DHS to establish a workgroup during the 2027–2028 Interim to develop recommendations to streamline the administration, coordination, and interoperability of the 211, 311, 911, and 988 systems among the state and its political subdivisions; and
 - c. Direct the NVHA to adopt regulations establishing best practices and standards for discharge protocols, care transitions, and follow-up monitoring by Medicaid managed care organizations and health care facilities, including for individuals with high needs, and to establish metrics and regulatory requirements for the enforcement of such standards governing the coordinated transfer of patients between settings of care, including standards governing the transport of patients by emergency medical services, the discharge of patients from a hospital or emergency department, and the release of patients from a jail or other correctional setting. **(BDR 40–406)**

Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

9. Propose legislation to prohibit the use of prior authorization for starting medication assisted therapy with buprenorphine and buprenorphine products of all types for opioid use disorder. **(BDR 57–407)**

Court Ordered Substance Use Evaluations

10. Propose legislation to amend [NRS 62E.620](#) to authorize licensed clinical social workers to conduct an evaluation to determine whether a child has an alcohol or substance use disorder. **(BDR 5–408)**

Dissemination of Criminal History Records

11. Propose legislation to amend subsection 4 of [NRS 179A.100](#) to include an agency of state or local government delivering services for the health and welfare of children and families, or its designated representative, as needed to ensure the safety of clinicians and caseworkers, and to screen applicants for county-funded housing if the applicants have given written consent to the release of that information by the agency which maintains it. **(BDR 14–409)**

Confidentiality and Release of Records by Child Welfare Agencies

12. Propose legislation to:

- a. Amend paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of [NRS 432B.280](#) to use the definition of “abuse or neglect” as defined by subsection 5 of [NRS 200.508](#); and
- b. Amend subsection 2 of [NRS 432B.290](#) to:
 - i. Delete paragraph (j), (r), and the reference to minor guardianship in paragraph (q), and consolidate the deleted provisions into paragraph (i);
 - ii. Amend paragraph (q) to permit limited information to be provided to the nonoffending parent as long as the information is limited to the nature of the report and safety issues and the person responsible for reporting the abuse or neglect of the child to a public agency is kept confidential;
 - iii. Amend paragraph (s) to clarify that the child who was the subject of a report and is now an adult should be able to receive certain records for certain purposes; and
 - iv. Add new provisions stating that any information released pursuant to the subsection is limited to that information which is reasonably necessary for the purposes of the individual or entity authorized to receive the information. **(BDR 38–411)**

Intensive In-Home Services for At-Risk Youth

13. Propose legislation to require the NVHA to develop a method of reimbursement for an intensive in-home model of care to provide therapeutic support for children and adolescents who are at risk of or are involved in child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. This model may include reimbursement for transportation to services or incentives for mental health providers to implement evidence-based programming. The Director of NVHA shall seek any necessary federal authority to implement these benefits. **(BDR 38–410)**

Hidden Foster Care

14. Propose legislation to:

- a. Require the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), DHS, to adopt regulations defining Child Protective Services (CPS)-facilitated parent-child separations and any instance in which CPS involvement results in a child living apart from their parent, including placements with relatives or fictive kin;
- b. Require child welfare agencies to document all parent-child separations, including:
 - i. Whether CPS facilitated the separation;

- ii. Where the child is living, whether that is with a relative, fictive kin, or other person;
 - iii. The type of arrangement (including safety plan, informal placement, et cetera); and
 - iv. Basic child and caregiver information;
- c. Require DCFS to create a standard referral pathway to kinship navigator programs;
- d. Require child welfare agencies to provide a referral to families experiencing a CPS-facilitated separation to a kinship navigator program to provide support for:
 - i. Legal authority;
 - ii. Financial stability;
 - iii. Access to services; and
 - iv. Caregiver and child well-being; and
- e. Require DCFS to provide an annual statewide report including:
 - i. The number of CPS-facilitated parent-child separations;
 - ii. Placement types and geographic trends; and
 - iii. Service connection rates and outcomes, when available. **(BDR 38–412)**

Funding of Child Welfare Services

15. Propose legislation to:

- a. Require the DCFS—in consultation with the Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, and other agencies that provide child welfare services in Nevada—to conduct a study during the 2027–2028 Interim which includes:
 - i. A review and study of the statutes governing the funding for the provision of child welfare services in this state to determine if such structure is sufficient to meet the requirements of state laws governing the provision of child welfare services;
 - ii. A review and study of mandated requirements the federal government places on child welfare agencies, including, but not limited to, federal laws and regulatory requirements and counties' contributions to state funding through maintenance of effort;

- b. Based on the findings of the review and study, develop recommendations for any revisions that should be made to the statutes governing the structure of funding for child welfare services in this state to ensure that such structure is sufficient to provide the child welfare agencies with the financial resources necessary to meet the requirements of federal and state laws governing the provision of child welfare services, with a goal that the proposed funding structure is sustainable; and
- c. Provide for a review of the recommendations by an independent third-party evaluator with experience in federal and state child welfare funding models designed to meet federal requirements and financing models for state funding;
 - i. The review conducted pursuant to Recommendations 15(a)(i) and 15(a)(ii) must include, without limitation, a review of the provisions of [NRS 432B.2185](#) and [NRS 432B.219](#), the requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Pub. L. 115-123, 132 Stat. 170 (2018), and Titles IV-B, IV-E, and XX of the Social Security Act, Pub. L. 74-271, 49 Stat. 620 (1935);
 - ii. The Division shall consider Recommendation 15(a)(ii) when developing its budget for the 2029–2031 Biennium. The Governor shall consider such recommendations when developing the proposed *Executive Budget* for the 2029–2031 Biennium; and
 - iii. On or before March 30, 2028, the Division shall submit the recommendations developed pursuant to Recommendation 15(a)(ii) to the Director of the LCB for transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee and Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services for the 2027–2028 Interim. **(BDR S–413)**

RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

- 16. Send a letter to Nevada’s Congressional Delegation urging Congress to update Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to increase the income eligibility limit for children in foster care from the standard set in 1996 to a standard tied to current federal poverty rates.

BULLETIN 27-9

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.320

NRS 218E.320 Creation; membership; officers; vacancies.

1. There are hereby created the following Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature:

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(Added to NRS by [2021, 2505](#); A [2025, 2918](#))

ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (JISC LOE) is a permanent committee of the Legislature whose duties and responsibilities are set forth in [NRS 218E.320](#). The JISC LOE has jurisdiction over issues that fall under the purview of the Senate and Assembly Standing Committees on Legislative Operations and Elections, such as elections, ethics, legislative business, lobbying, and campaign finance ([NRS 218E.330](#)).

The Committee held four meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. The meetings addressed a variety of issues and programs related to: ballots; candidates; campaign finance; elections and voting, including accessibility; elections workforce; the Nevada Commission on Ethics; artificial intelligence (AI) use in elections; and the local election administration landscape. Specific summaries for each meeting can be found below:

1. [February 20, 2026](#)—The first meeting focused on the implementation of legislation passed in recent sessions concerning ballots, language access in elections, and the candidate filing process. Additionally, the Committee heard presentations on: (1) Nevada’s Elections Procedures Manual produced by the Office of the Secretary of State; (2) the findings from the Local Election Official Survey conducted by the Elections & Voting Information Center; (3) the use of AI in elections and campaigns across states and related state policy impacts; and (4) compliance with federal accessibility requirements.
2. [April 17, 2026](#)—Presentations at the second meeting focused on issues relating to elections and voting and the election workforce. Specifically, members heard from county clerks and registrars of voters concerning: (1) the status of preparing for the 2026 Primary Election; and (2) the progress and challenges in recruiting and retaining election workers and the protections of election workers. The JISC LOE also heard an update on the centralized, statewide Voter Registration and Election Management Solution (VREMS) project.
3. [May 29, 2026](#)—The third meeting provided an overview of: (1) Nevada’s voting systems and the new voting standards and related upgrades through the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0; (2) recent activities of the Nevada Commission on Ethics; and (3) updates relating to Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and possible state considerations. Additionally, the Committee heard presentations regarding voting resources available in American Sign Language and the use of campaigns funds for certain dependent care expenses.
4. [July 31, 2026](#)—At its final meeting, the JISC LOE conducted a work session and approved ten bill draft requests related to: (1) candidates and campaign practices; (2) election administration; and (3) language access in elections.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections at its meeting on July 31, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Candidates and Campaign Practices

1. Request the drafting of a bill to authorize state and local candidates and officeholders to use campaign funds for dependent care—including for childcare—expenses directly related to campaign activities and in carrying out their official duties. **(BDR 24–322)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill to require certain nonincumbent, nonjudicial candidates and allow incumbent, nonjudicial candidates to complete and submit a questionnaire to their filing officer that provides information on their background and work experience, similar to the current requirement for certain judicial candidates. Furthermore, require the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) to develop the questionnaire. **(BDR 24–339)**

Election Administration

3. Request the drafting of a bill to:
 - a. Change the required timeline for processing of mail ballots in counties whose population is 100,000 or more—currently Clark and Washoe Counties. The changes in certain large counties include:
 - i. The record of a mail ballot having been returned must be made in the records within 12 hours after it has arrived at the central counting place;
 - ii. The initial review of the signature on the mail ballot envelope must be made within 24 hours after the mail ballot has arrived at the central counting place; and
 - iii. The process for counting mail ballots with certain exceptions must be completed within 24 hours after the mail ballot has arrived at the central counting place; and
 - b. Authorize clerks in counties with fewer than 100,000 registered voters to send in-state mail ballots at the same time as out-of-state mail ballots no later than 40 days before the election. **(BDR 24–340)**

4. Request the drafting of a bill to modify certain requirements related to ballot drop boxes, including:
 - a. Authorizing county clerks to establish a ballot drop box starting on the day mail ballots are distributed and continuing through Election Day, rather than during the period for early voting and on Election Day;
 - b. Additionally allowing a ballot drop box to be placed at any other location established by the county clerk;
 - c. Requiring the ballot drop box to be operated, monitored, secured, and used for the collection of mail ballots in accordance with regulations adopted by the Office of the SOS; and
 - d. Requiring the establishment of a minimum number of ballot drop boxes for counties with certain populations, including:
 - i. At least ten ballot drop boxes in a county whose population is at least 700,000 people, currently only Clark County;
 - ii. At least five ballot drop boxes in a county whose population is at least 100,000 people but less than 700,000 people, currently Washoe County; and
 - iii. At least one ballot drop box in a county whose population is less than 100,000 people. **(BDR 24–341)**
5. Request the drafting of a bill to authorize qualified electors who are incarcerated in county and city jails to use Nevada’s Effective Absentee System for Elections (EASE) to vote and register to vote. **(BDR 24–342)**
6. Request the drafting of a bill to authorize candidates who are running unopposed in a primary election to be an election board officer or poll worker for the primary election and candidates who are running unopposed in a general election to be an election board officer or poll worker for the general election. **(BDR 24–343)**
7. Request the drafting of a bill which is similar to [Senate Bill 264](#) (2026) from New Mexico:
 - a. Authorizing a member of the Department of Public Safety or other peace officer to enter a polling place upon request for the purpose of observing the conduct of an election;
 - b. Prohibiting a person from taking certain actions under the color of law within 100 feet of a polling location or the entrance to a polling location;
 - c. Including peace officers in existing provisions of law concerning unlawful acts relating to elections; and

- d. Prohibiting a person from tampering or interfering with a ballot drop box. **(BDR 24–344)**
- 8. Request the drafting of a bill which is similar to [Assembly Bill 287](#) (First Reprint) of the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session:
 - a. Requiring a vote recount for ballot questions and certain offices if the difference between the question being approved or disapproved, or the difference between the highest number and next highest number of votes cast for a candidate, as applicable, is 0.25 percent or less. Defeated candidates and voters may additionally demand and receive a recount of certain elections under certain circumstances;
 - b. Requiring that counties be reimbursed the allowable costs for a recount required under these provisions, if the recount concerns an office or ballot question for which voting is statewide; and
 - c. Requiring the Office of the SOS to establish and administer the Voter Access Grant Program to provide grants of money to eligible entities to support the administration of elections and improve voter access. **(BDR 24–345)**

Language Access in Elections

- 9. Request the drafting of a bill to:
 - a. Require all current polling locations in Nevada to include information available in American Sign Language (ASL), including voter registration information, key election dates, polling location information, candidates, ballot measures, and other necessary voting information;
 - b. Require, to the extent practicable, ASL interpreters at select sites statewide for direct language access needs, including a requirement to have at least one ASL interpreter at one site in Clark County and one interpreter at one site in Washoe County; and
 - c. Require an ASL instruction video with captions via Quick Response (QR) codes at all polling locations statewide. The instruction video would answer frequently asked questions regarding election information. **(BDR 24–346)**
- 10. Request the drafting of a bill to require certain informative material provided for ballot questions, including arguments, rebuttals, explanations, and digests, to be written at a fifth to eighth grade reading level. **(BDR 24–347)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

11. Include a statement in the Committee's final report encouraging the Office of the SOS to increase voter outreach in explaining the process by which a voter who inadvertently receives a ballot that was sent to the incorrect address may write "return to sender" and place it back in the mail.
12. Include a statement in the Committee's final report encouraging the Governor and the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means of the 2027 Legislative Session to consider supporting the enhancements necessary to fully upgrade the Voter Registration and Election Management Solution (VREMS).
13. Send a letter to the Governor and the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means of the 2027 Legislative Session that recommends the appropriation of funding for the purchase of new voting machines and/or the replacement of existing voting machines in Nevada's 17 counties as needed to meet the standards of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) 2.0 and statutory requirements.
14. Include a statement in the Committee's final report encouraging county clerks and registrars of voters to include the use of audio-tactile interfaces as part of their trainings for election workers.

BULLETIN 27-10

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.320

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ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources is a permanent committee of the Nevada Legislature whose authority and duties are set forth in [NRS 218E.320](#) through [218E.330](#). Meeting between the biennial sessions of the Legislature, the Committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of issues concerning natural resources, such as agriculture, environmental policies, food safety, forestry, historic preservation, mining, outdoor recreation and state parks, water, wildlife, and wildfire.

The Committee held six meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. The meetings of the Committee addressed a variety of issues, including geothermal development, trends and challenges in Nevada agriculture, Nevada’s outdoor recreation economy, data centers, wildfire prevention and management, wildlife management, conservation districts, and various water related issues.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources at its meeting on August 12, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Agriculture

1. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Establish a Healthy Soils Initiative based on [Assembly Bill 80](#) (2025) Reprint 1; and
 - b. Appropriate \$100,000 from the State General Fund for the Renewable Natural Resource Competitive Grant Program pursuant to [NRS 548.178](#) and codified in the [Nevada Administrative Code 548.300](#) through [548.340](#), inclusive, to be available to conservation districts on a competitive basis for purposes of implementing healthy soils programming. **(BDR 49–419)**
2. Propose legislation to revise NRS to clarify which enforcement responsibilities related to the distribution and sale of certain hemp and synthetic products belong with Nevada’s State Department of Agriculture and the Cannabis Compliance Board. **(BDR 51–417)**
3. Propose legislation to address the agricultural use of paraquat in Nevada. **(BDR 49–415)**

Water

4. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Amend the Board for Financing Water Projects grant program in [Chapter 349](#) of NRS by:
 - i. Amending subsection 3 of [NRS 349.983](#) to require that all recipients of grants awarded by the Board for Financing Water Projects pursuant to [NRS 349.981](#) provide a match; and
 - ii. Expanding the financial support capacity for the grant program in NRS 349.981 by increasing the bonding authority in [NRS 349.986](#) from \$125 million to \$200 million;

- b. Ensure that retiring water rights will not incur a tax penalty by expanding the definition of “agricultural use” in [NRS 361A.030](#) to include lands left fallow as a result of the permanent retirement of their appurtenant groundwater rights under the statutory water rights retirement program, thereby retaining the agricultural use assessment for property tax purposes;
- c. Authorize the State Engineer of the Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), to extend the deadline for filing proofs of claims of vested rights, for cause shown, on or before the current deadline; and exempt the federal government from the deadline to file such claims;
- d. Amend language in [NRS 533.353](#) related to monitoring, management, and mitigation (3M) plans to:
 - i. Clarify the authority of the State Engineer to require a 3M plan as a condition of approving change applications;
 - ii. Require the State Engineer to allow counties to participate in an advisory capacity without counties having to request such participation, and extend the same treatment to water authorities if a water authority furnishes water in the county;
 - iii. Extend the State Engineer’s duty to consider information submitted by the county prior to approving a 3M plan to also include 3M plan amendments, as well as information submitted by a water authority that furnishes water in the county; and
 - iv. Require the State Engineer to include any comment, analysis, or information submitted by the county or water authority in their files as part of the official record;
- e. Add language to the appropriate chapter of NRS to:
 - i. Authorize the board of county commissioners, in designated groundwater basins (DGB), to establish a groundwater board;
 - ii. Require groundwater board headquarters to be located in the county seat of the DGB, or in the county seat of one of the counties if there are multiple counties; and require such meetings to be held in compliance with Nevada’s Open Meeting Law;
 - iii. Authorize the board of county commissioners of one or more counties to establish a single groundwater board for multiple DGBs that have shared issues local solutions could solve;
 - iv. Authorize the State Engineer to provide advice or feedback to a groundwater board;

- v. Provide that such groundwater boards are established to provide recommendations to the board or boards of county commissioners on local actions to achieve certain goals;
 - vi. Authorize the board of county commissioners to establish and collect a fee from groundwater users in the DGB each calendar year upon a two thirds-vote, not to exceed \$30 per acre-foot of permitted groundwater, or a flat fee of \$30 for owners of domestic wells (collectively, for purposes of this document, identified as a groundwater fee);
 - vii. Authorize groundwater fees to be adjusted once a year for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index;
 - viii. Authorize the board of county commissioners to impose late fees and seek collection of unpaid annual fees pursuant to existing authority;
 - ix. Require groundwater fees to be used for promoting education and groundwater conservation; conducting well inventories; preparing cost benefit analyses related to recharge and recovery or underground storage and recovery for use by the groundwater board; developing recommendations for additional activities to manage the basin and protect the aquifer, and conducting such activities if approved by the board or boards of county commissioners; paying to abandon and plug wells, purchasing and retiring water rights, and mitigating conflict between groundwater and surface water rights; and performing other duties as necessary;
 - x. Require the board of county commissioners to contribute matching funds or impose a groundwater fee if seeking funding from the Board for Financing Water Projects grant program to make improvements related to conserving water pursuant to subsection 1(b) of [NRS 349.981](#);
 - xi. Require any of the actions outlined above to be jointly approved by the boards of county commissioners if the DGB or DGBs are in more than one county; and
 - xii. Provide that if the DGB is located within the boundaries of a water authority, only the water authority is authorized to carry out these provisions;
- f. Repeal groundwater boards established by the State Engineer in [NRS 534.035](#); and
 - g. Amend [NRS 534.040](#) pertaining to special assessments levied on all taxable property in a basin or area administered by the State Engineer, or money appropriated from a county general fund to:

- i. Require that money collected from the special assessment—or appropriated from the county general fund—is used for salaries and expenses associated with administering provisions in [Chapter 534](#) of NRS related to the conservation and distribution of groundwater in designated basins;
 - ii. Institute a maximum charge on the special assessment that can be levied in areas where the primary use is not municipal supply. The maximum charge is equal to the charge that exists as of June 30, 2027, plus an annual increase that is equal to or less than 20 cents per acre-foot permitted or certificated;
 - iii. Authorize the State Engineer to increase the charge beyond the maximum charge for services and projects that provide a direct and special benefit to water users in the designated basin if the State Engineer provides reasonable opportunity for public comment and holds a public meeting; and
 - iv. Require the Division of Water Resources to post a budget that shows money collected from the special assessment or county general fund and how it was used. **(BDR 48–416)**
- 5. Propose legislation to create a forum for long-term water planning. **(BDR 48–414)**

Wildlife

- 6. Propose legislation to authorize additional funding for wildlife crossings by:
 - a. Increasing existing tire recycling fees in [NRS 444A.090](#) with exemptions for certain industries;
 - b. Amending [Chapter 482](#) of NRS to provide an option for motorists to voluntarily contribute to wildlife crossings when renewing their motor vehicle registration; and
 - c. Dedicating 0.05 percent of the existing 3.5 percent Insurance Premium Tax in [NRS 680B.027](#) to wildlife crossings. **(BDR –418)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

- 7. Send a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Delegation that draws attention to the exclusion of alfalfa growers in federal regulations and relief packages, such as the [Farmer Bridge Assistance Program](#) and the [Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers Program](#).
- 8. Include a statement in the final report to support efforts to expand the entities which can distribute nutritious food through the Home Feeds Nevada Agriculture Food Purchase Program.

9. Send a letter to Governor Joe Lombardo, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means to request funding in the amount of \$1.5 million be included in the *Executive Budget* for the 2027–2029 Biennium to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program.
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BULLETIN 27-12

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

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ABSTRACT

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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During the 2025–2026 Interim, the Committee held six meetings, including a work session at its final meeting on August 25, 2026. Each meeting had a primary focus as follows:

1. [January 13, 2026](#)—Nevada’s state and local response to human trafficking, including data and gap analyses, prosecution, law enforcement task forces, victim services, child welfare, and statewide coalitions; and Nevada’s Department of Corrections’ (NDOC) rollout of offender tablets and charges for telephone calls.
2. [March 10, 2026](#)—Continued discussion on Nevada’s state and local responses to human trafficking, including prevention, gaming industry initiatives, survivor services, and public-defense perspectives, as well as statewide and local road-safety initiatives.
3. [April 14, 2026](#)—State and local juvenile justice programs, including 2025 legislation implementation, youth housing and placement models, certification of juveniles as adults, and the placement of youth in adult correctional facilities, as well as business law developments and legislative proposals.
4. [June 16, 2026](#)—The Eighth Judicial District Court’s weighted caseload study; corrections implementation of legislation concerning transgender and gender-diverse persons in custody and solitary confinement; post-bail release processes; gaming and cannabis regulatory priorities; securities enforcement and election compliance; and family, probate and trust, and real-property law developments.
5. [July 14, 2026](#)—In-custody deaths and prevention efforts; NDOC sentence-management and sentencing-credit implementation; parole and probation fees and debt-based license suspensions; corrections oversight, solitary confinement, compassionate release, and elder parole; indigent-defense and prosecutorial priorities; and domestic and sexual violence prevention programs.
6. [August 25, 2026](#)—Work session, including Committee approval of recommendations for 14 bill draft requests for consideration by the 2027 Nevada Legislature. Topics for the bill draft requests and committee action focused on bail and pretrial release, corrections, domestic violence, electric bicycles and electric mobility devices, fines and fees, human trafficking, indigent defense and public defenders, juvenile justice, license plate readers, parole and probation, and peace officers.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary at its meeting on August 25, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Bail and Pretrial Release

1. Propose legislation to authorize jails and detention facilities to create a voluntary delayed-release program for late-night releases. The program must allow eligible persons who would otherwise be released between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. to elect, after signing a waiver, to remain in custody until 6 a.m.; provide statutory liability protection for counties, sheriffs, and facility staff that honor such requests; require facilities to provide access to support services at discharge, including, without limitation, a charged phone, transportation assistance, the ability to contact family, information on shelters and services, appropriate clothing, and referrals to treatment, with particular attention to persons with behavioral-health needs; and require collection of data concerning releases between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., requests for delayed release, releases in which behavioral-health issues are identified, and transportation and other assistance provided at release. **(BDR 16-479)**

Corrections

2. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Revise the definition of “solitary confinement” to account for both the duration and conditions of isolation by defining it as confinement in a cell or similarly restrictive space for 17 or more hours per day under conditions that do not provide meaningful human contact, regardless of the housing unit’s classification or label;
 - b. Define “meaningful human contact” as sustained, reciprocal social interaction that provides genuine interpersonal engagement, recognition, and connection, including through programming, education, treatment, work, religious activity, congregate recreation, peer interaction, trained staff or volunteers, visits, or communication with family and loved ones;

- c. Require that any person who would otherwise meet the 17-hour threshold receive at least 7 hours outside the cell each day, including regular opportunities for meaningful human contact and sustained social activity, and distinguish meaningful human contact from brief routine contacts, individual recreation, security rounds, escorts, searches, welfare checks, and delivery of meals or medication;
- d. Require quarterly reports to be submitted to the Legislature and the Office of the Ombudsperson for Offenders (O3P), made publicly available in a format that permits comparison across facilities and over time and disaggregated by race, ethnicity, age, gender, disability status, and mental health status;
- e. Require Nevada’s Department of Corrections (NDOC) to report each invocation of an exception to the 15-day limitation, including the basis for the exception, the duration of confinement, and the outcome; and
- f. Authorize O3P to access records necessary to verify reported data. **(BDR 16–480)**

Domestic Violence

- 3. Propose legislation to amend Nevada landlord and tenant statutes to authorize certified domestic-violence advocates as qualifying third parties under Nevada landlord-tenant statutes so they may sign affidavits verifying domestic violence for lease termination, eviction protection, and emergency relocation in all jurisdictions. **(BDR 10–481)**

Electric Bicycles and Electric Mobility Devices

- 4. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Define “electric motorcycle” as a two- or three-wheeled electric device with a motor rated above 750 watts or capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour on motor power alone, and require registration, liability insurance, a Class M driver’s license endorsement, and a Nevada’s Department of Transportation (NDOT)-approved helmet for operation on a highway;
 - b. Define “high-power electric device” as an electric device with the same power or speed characteristics as an electric motorcycle that is operated off-highway or by a person not meeting the requirements to operate an electric motorcycle, and require the operator to be at least 16 years of age and possess either a state safety certificate or a Class M driver’s license endorsement;
 - c. Establish age, safety certificate, supervision, and helmet requirements for electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric mobility devices based on their speed, power, and risk level;
 - i. Prohibiting a child under 11 years of age from operating a motorized electric mobility device on a public highway;

- ii. Authorizing a person 11 years of age or older to operate a Class 1 electric bicycle or low-power electric scooter after completing a state safety certificate program;
 - iii. Authorizing a person 14 years of age or older to operate a Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycle or electric scooter after completing a state safety certificate program;
 - iv. Requiring a person who is at least 11 years of age, but under 16 years of age, to operate a Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycle or electric scooter only under adult supervision or after completing a state safety certificate program;
 - v. Restricting operation of a Class 3 electric bicycle to persons 16 years of age or older;
 - vi. Requiring an operator under 21 years of age to wear a helmet while operating an electric bicycle, electric scooter, high-power electric device, or electric motorcycle on a highway; and
 - vii. Requiring an NDOT-approved helmet for operation of a Class 2 or Class 3 electric bicycle, high-power throttle-operated electric device, or electric motorcycle;
- d. Authorize a peace officer to temporarily impound an electric bicycle, electric scooter, or other electric mobility device when a minor operates the device in violation of the age, safety certificate, supervision, or helmet requirements;
 - e. Prohibit the carrying of another person or articles in a manner that interferes with the safe operation of an electric mobility device, reckless riding or stunts on a highway, and operation on a street with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour; and
 - f. Amend [NRS 484E.130](#) to require annual traffic-crash reports to separately identify and analyze incidents involving electric bicycles, electric scooters, and electric motorcycles to support trend analysis and evaluation of safety interventions. **(BDR 43–482)**

Fines and Fees

5. Propose legislation to:

- a. Eliminate driver's license suspension based on failure to pay civil traffic citations and reinstate existing debt-based suspensions by:
 - i. Repealing statutory provisions that authorize suspension or denial of a driver's license for failure to appear, pay, or otherwise resolve civil traffic citations, and prohibiting debt-based license suspension in statute; and

- ii. Requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to automatically reinstate all outstanding debt-based driver's license suspensions related to civil traffic citations, without charging reinstatement fees or requiring additional testing, and to notify affected individuals of reinstatement; and
- b. Eliminate the \$30 monthly supervision fee for individuals on state supervised parole, probation, and residential confinement, and revise Nevada's sentencing credit framework so that incentives are tied to payment of restitution and engagement in work, education, or counseling instead of payment of supervision fees. **(BDR 14-483)**

Human Trafficking

6. Propose legislation to:

- a. Require the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to establish a statewide human trafficking data collection, analysis, and certification program, including uniform training standards for law enforcement for identifying victims and offenders of human trafficking;
- b. Transfer responsibility for the State of Nevada Human Trafficking Coalition to the OAG;
- c. Amend [NRS 217.545](#) to clarify which entities are responsible for submitting each category of human trafficking information, requiring advisory and coordinating bodies to report policy recommendations for decreasing human trafficking in the state, and requiring law enforcement agencies and state-funded or federally-funded victim service providers to submit reporting data concerning delivery of services and trafficking statistics;
- d. Amend [NRS 396.792](#) to change the name of the "Center for the Analysis of Crime Statistics" to the "Center for Crime and Justice Policy";
- e. Amend [NRS 201.300](#) to align Nevada's human trafficking statutes more closely with federal law by expanding prohibited conduct to include advertising, patronizing, soliciting, and enticing commercial sex to more effectively address buyers and exploiters, including repeat offenders;
- f. Amend [NRS 200.468](#) to apply the labor trafficking provisions to all labor trafficking victims, rather than only noncitizens;
- g. Amend [NRS 201.300](#) to mirror the undercover language in [NRS 201.354](#) concerning a peace officer posing as a child and a person assisting an investigation on behalf of a peace officer by posing as a child;
- h. Increase the statute of limitations for the crime of involuntary servitude to six years after the commission of the offense;

- i. Provide statutory immunity from arrest, charging, and prosecution for trafficking victims for nonviolent offenses committed as a direct result of being trafficked, and require law enforcement officers to refer suspected victims to appropriate victim services;
- j. Amend [NRS 176.211](#) to create a sentencing presumption that the court shall defer judgment if, at sentencing, the court finds that the defendant was a victim of human trafficking at the time of the offense; and
- k. Amend [Chapter 424](#) of NRS to authorize criminal background checks, including fingerprint checks through the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History, for applicants and staff in receiving centers and related programs. **(BDR 15–484)**

Indigent Defense and Public Defenders

- 7. Propose legislation to expand the Department of Indigent Defense Services to include post-conviction representation by creating an Office of Post-Conviction Counsel. **(BDR 14–485)**

Juvenile Justice

- 8. Propose legislation to amend [NRS 62D.180](#) to require the juvenile court to terminate competency proceedings and dismiss the petition without prejudice if a minor has not attained competency within six months of the initial incompetency finding, unless the court finds good cause that there is a substantial likelihood the minor will attain competency within one year from the initial finding of not competent to proceed. **(BDR 5–486)**
- 9. Propose legislation to amend [NRS 63.400](#) to establish a ten-day statutory limit to the amount of time a youth may be held in juvenile detention while awaiting transfer to a state correctional facility, to prevent extended predisposition detention for youth awaiting services or residential treatment. **(BDR 5–487)**
- 10. Propose legislation to enact statutory deadlines for in-custody, court-ordered evaluations modeled on the 14-day requirement for firearm on campus cases in [NRS 62C.060](#), and extend this timeline to other contexts where youth remain in detention awaiting evaluation. **(BDR 5–488)**
- 11. Propose legislation to authorize NDOC to establish a program for certain offenders whose sentences would expire by the age of 26. **(BDR 16–489)**

License Plate Readers

12. Propose legislation to enact a Nevada automated license plate reader (ALPR) statute requiring agencies that use ALPR systems to adopt written policies; train authorized users on lawful use and data-protection requirements; undergo independent audits for compliance with adopted policies; and submit annual reports on ALPR activity, audit findings, and policies to the Attorney General, the Governor, and the Legislature. **(BDR 43–490)**

Parole and Probation

13. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Amend [NRS 176.139](#) to require the Division of Parole and Probation, Department of Public Safety, to arrange an evaluation of the defendant in nonsexual child-abuse cases;
 - b. Amend [NRS 458A.220](#) to mirror the standard probation language used in Nevada’s other specialty court statutes by requiring a defendant assigned to the Gambling Treatment Diversion Court to be placed on formal probation under terms and conditions that include attendance and successful completion of the program; and
 - c. Amend [NRS 213.12155](#) to remove certain categorical exclusions so that individuals convicted of vehicular homicide pursuant to [NRS 484C.130](#) and individuals found to be habitual criminals under [NRS 207.010](#) are eligible for consideration for geriatric parole. **(BDR 14–491)**

Peace Officers

14. Propose legislation to limit the use of prone restraints, including face-down and chest-down holds, by peace officers and to treat prone restraints as a last resort, for the shortest duration possible, and in a manner consistent with nationally recognized correctional health standards. **(BDR 15–492)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

15. Send a letter to NDOC and city and county jails and detention facilities urging them to provide persons in custody with confidential, reliable, and reasonably available communication channels with their attorneys, including timely in-person visits, unmonitored telephone calls, secure video conferences, legal mail, and other privileged electronic communications.
16. Send a letter to the Governor, Senate Committee on Finance (FIN), and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means (WM) of the 2027 Legislative Session expressing the Committee’s support for: (1) funding programming, mental-health treatment, substance-use treatment, and alternative housing approaches that address

identifiable conditions contributing to placement in solitary confinement; (2) funding the correctional, clinical, treatment, and programmatic workforce necessary to implement legislative efforts addressing solitary confinement and reduce its reliance, including recruitment, retention, training, supervision, professional development, and institutional culture change; (3) providing funding for independent evaluation of pilot programs and alternatives to solitary confinement to guide continuous quality improvement and decisions concerning future expansion; and (4) prioritizing appropriations for programming, treatment, staffing, and alternative housing configurations within existing facilities rather than capital appropriations for new restrictive-housing construction.

17. Send a letter to the Governor, FIN, and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session urging increased funding for statewide prevention, victim services for adults and youth, and receiving-center programs, and requesting that those resources support comprehensive, survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive services coordinated across health care, behavioral health, legal, housing, and employment systems.
18. Send a letter to the Nevada Health Authority requesting that residential billing structures be revisited to reflect the true cost of room, board, care, and intensive services and to provide consistent financing needed to maintain qualified staff and specialized clinical capacity.
19. Send a letter to the Governor, FIN, and WM of the 2027 Legislative Session encouraging salary revisions for State Public Defender employees so compensation is competitive with the Clark County, Washoe County, and Carson City Public Defender Offices, which would strengthen recruitment, retention, and statewide indigent defense capacity; and encouraging targeted funding for public defense support services, including social work, retained experts and consultants, and private meeting space, because these resources directly affect case preparation, client compliance, and confidential attorney-client communication.

BULLETIN 27-13

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.510

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.510

NRS 218E.510 Creation; membership; officers; terms; vacancies; alternates.

1. There is hereby created the Committee on Public Lands, consisting of eight members appointed by the Legislative Commission, who must include:

(a) Three members of the Senate of which:

- (1) Two members must be selected from the majority party; and
- (2) One member must be selected from the minority party;

(b) Three members of the Assembly of which:

- (1) Two members must be selected from the majority party; and
- (2) One member must be selected from the minority party;

(c) One elected officer representing the governing body of a local political subdivision, appointed with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands; and

(d) One member representing tribal governments in Nevada who is recommended by the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization, appointed with appropriate regard for his or her experience with and knowledge of matters relating to public lands.

2. The members who are Legislators must be appointed to provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

3. The Legislative Commission shall appoint a Chair of the Committee from one House and a Vice Chair of the Committee from the other House.

4. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a member of the Committee holds his or her membership on the Committee, while qualified, until a successor is appointed after the next regular session. The membership of any member of the Committee described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection 1 who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection terminates on the day next after the general election. The Legislative Commission may appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5. The Chair of the Legislative Commission may appoint alternates for members of the Committee. The Chair of the Committee:

(a) May designate an alternate appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission to serve in place of a regular member who is unable to attend a meeting; and

(b) Shall, for a member who is a Legislator, designate an alternate appointed by the Chair of the Legislative Commission who is of the same political party as the regular member to serve in place of the regular member if one is available.

(Added to NRS by [1979, 5](#); A [1983, 209](#); [1985, 589](#); [2009, 1150](#), [1561](#); [2011, 3224](#); [2021, 477, 2510, 2536](#); [2025, 2921](#))

ABSTRACT

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.510

The Committee on Public Lands is a permanent committee of the Nevada Legislature whose authorization and duties are set forth in [NRS 218E.500](#) through [218E.525](#). The Committee monitors a wide range of subjects, covering all facets of forest and range science, methods of public land management and oversight, public services, resources associated with public lands, rural infrastructure, and water resources.

The Committee held four meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. The meetings addressed a variety of activities, issues, and programs specifically pertaining to public lands in Nevada. Select issues addressed during the meetings included access to public lands, affordable housing, grazing, invasive species, water management, and wildfire prevention.

The Committee voted to forward three recommendations for legislation to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2027 addressing federal land sales and permitting, affordable housing, and taxes assessed on solar panels.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.510

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Committee on Public Lands at its meeting on August 21, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

1. Request the drafting of a resolution urging Congress to demand transparency from federal land management agencies during decision-making processes governing federal land sales and permitting activities on public land. **(BDR R–473)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill to require reporting on the use of federal land conveyed for the purpose of constructing affordable housing. **(BDR 26–474)**
3. Request the drafting of a bill to revise provisions related to property taxes assessed on solar energy projects on tribal land. **(BDR 32–475)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

4. Send a letter to Nevada’s Congressional Delegation seeking its support of [H.R.7255](#) (119th Congress) to allow existing federal funds to be used for active land management, wildfire prevention, and environmental protection in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
5. Send a letter to Nevada’s Department of Wildlife (NDOW) requesting an update to exhibits submitted during legislative hearings on [Assembly Bill 176](#) (1993) pertaining to road closures on public lands.
6. Send a letter to the Elko County Board of Commissioners, District Attorney, and Sheriff encouraging the county to enforce state law regarding access to public lands.
7. Send a letter to the Director of the Nevada State Office of the Bureau of Land Management expressing a desire to collaborate on improving access to public land throughout the State of Nevada.
8. Send a letter to Nevada’s Congressional Delegation and the United States Department of the Interior requesting an update to the [Special Nevada Report](#) as published on September 23, 1991, pursuant to Section 6 of the [Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1986](#), Pub. L. 99-606, 100 Stat. 3457. Further, the letter requests a revision to the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program to account for changes in property tax revenue lost due to the presence of tax exempt public lands in the state.

9. Send a letter to NDOW seeking clarification on the regulatory basis and intent behind prohibiting tribal members from hunting bighorn sheep within tribal jurisdictions

BULLETIN 27-14

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF
THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND THE
MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM**

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.555

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.555

NRS 218E.555 Creation; membership; applicability of provisions governing Joint Interim Standing Committees.

1. There is hereby created the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System.

2. The Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members who are appointed in the same manner as the members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee pursuant to [NRS 218E.320](#), except that the members of the Committee must be appointed, to the extent practicable:

(a) With appropriate regard for their experience with and knowledge of matters relating to the management of natural resources; and

(b) To provide representation from the various geographical regions of the State.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of [NRS 218E.320](#), [218E.325](#) and [218E.330](#):

(a) Apply to the Committee in the same manner as a Joint Interim Standing Committee, including, without limitation, providing the Committee with any powers, privileges and immunities set forth in those provisions; and

(b) Control the Committee's formation, organization and operations, including, without limitation, its membership, officers, management, government, budget, compensation, allowances, expenses, meetings and proceedings, but the Committee shall not be deemed a Joint Interim Standing Committee for the purposes of the number of requests that it may submit for the drafting of legislative measures pursuant to [NRS 218D.160](#).

4. If there is a conflict between the provisions of [NRS 218E.320](#), [218E.325](#) and [218E.330](#) and the provisions of a specific statute that applies to the Committee, the provisions of the specific statute control.

(Added to NRS by [2003, 2504](#); A [2011, 3733](#); [2013, 2367, 3749](#))

ABSTRACT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.555

Nevada’s Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System (MLWS) is a permanent committee of the Nevada Legislature whose authorization and duties are set forth in [NRS 218E.550](#) through [218E.570](#). Created in 2003 with the enactment of [Senate Bill 216](#), the Committee provides oversight and review of the activities, budget, programs, and responsiveness of the TRPA and the MLWS.

The Committee held six meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. The meetings addressed a variety of activities, issues, and programs pertaining specifically to the TRPA and MLWS and relating generally to the Lake Tahoe Basin. Issues specifically addressed during the meetings included wildfires, forest health, transportation, housing issues, destination stewardship, aquatic invasive species, and water quality.

The Committee voted to forward ten recommendations for legislation to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature in 2027, addressing the MLWS as well as wildfire, transportation, and funding in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.555

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Marlette Lake Water System (MLWS) at its meeting on August 20, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Wildfire and Natural Disasters

1. Request the drafting of a bill establishing a task force, operating through 2030, to evaluate Nevada's disaster risk assessment framework and develop recommendations to improve consistency, transparency, and coordination among fire agencies, insurers, emergency managers, law enforcement, and other stakeholders. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation, to the Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the TRPA and the MLWS for the 2027–2028 and 2029–2030 Interims. **(BDR –450)**
2. Request the drafting of a bill establishing near-term consumer protections for property insurance applicants and policyholders facing wildfire-related insurance decisions. This includes, but is not limited to: (1) allowing a policyholder or applicant who has been denied coverage to request an in-person property inspection; (2) requiring insurers to incorporate specified factors, including verified vegetation conditions, into wildfire risk assessments; (3) requiring insurers to provide a written explanation for coverage denials, including additional detail when the denial is based on wildfire risk; (4) prohibiting insurers from denying coverage based solely on an automated or artificial intelligence-based determination; and (5) establishing a standardized statewide defensible space certification and requiring insurers to recognize that certification when evaluating wildfire mitigation completed on a property. **(BDR –451)**
3. Request the drafting of a bill requiring jurisdictions responsible for evacuation plans in the Lake Tahoe Basin to complete an evacuation study that informs the development of an evacuation management tool, which may include a digital evacuation mapping application. The bill would require jurisdictions to, among other things, identify evacuation routes and evaluate their connectivity, risk/safety, and effectiveness; identify and define high-risk roadways; and identify residential developments in wildfire hazard areas that lack at least two emergency evacuation routes. The study must identify hazards affecting designated evacuation routes and prioritize mitigation projects based on

wildfire risk and other established criteria. Upon completion of the evacuation study, data collected during the study shall be used to populate an evacuation plan that will be used in regional evacuation events. **(BDR –452)**

4. Request the drafting of a bill establishing a state disaster technology and innovation hub to identify, evaluate, and accelerate the deployment of technologies that improve Nevada’s resilience to natural disasters before, during, and after they occur. The bill would designate a coordination hub to identify operational needs; evaluate and validate emerging tools; and provide technical assistance to state, local, and tribal emergency response agencies. **(BDR –453)**

Transportation

5. Request the drafting of a bill that revises the distribution of Washoe County transient lodging tax revenues and authorizes Washoe County to impose an additional surcharge on transient lodging to fund public transit to, from, and within the Lake Tahoe Basin. **(BDR –454)**
6. Request the drafting of a bill that addresses unpermitted peer-to-peer transportation rental platforms impacting the Lake Tahoe Basin and state by:
 - a. Enabling local jurisdictions to regulate peer-to-peer platforms for transportation rentals operating in this state including, but not limited to, transportation rentals operating on the waters of Lake Tahoe;
 - b. Requiring peer-to-peer platforms to cooperate with TRPA and government agencies in preventing unauthorized commercial transportation rental activity; and
 - c. Establishing meaningful penalties and providing local jurisdictions and local law enforcement with clear authority to enforce compliance with these requirements. **(BDR –455)**

Funding

7. Request the drafting of a bill that:
 - a. Authorizes the release of the next phase of general obligation bonds in an amount of \$12 million to continue to implement Nevada’s portion of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) for the 2027–2029 Biennium and including authority for the expenditure on EIP projects of any interest accumulated on proceeds from bond issuances for the EIP; and
 - b. Extends the authority by ten years to June 30, 2040, for the issuance of the general obligation bonds authorized, but not yet issued, to fund Nevada’s apportioned share of the costs for the Lake Tahoe EIP. **(BDR S–457)**

8. Request the drafting of a bill authorizing the issuance of up to \$70 million in state general obligation bonds through June 30, 2037, to support the Sand Harbor State Park Redevelopment EIP, including an initial bond issuance of up to \$17 million during the 2027–2029 Biennium for planning, design, and the first phase of project implementation. **(BDR S–458)**
9. Request the drafting of a bill appropriating \$1 million from the State General Fund for the 2027–2029 Biennium to support independent scientific research, analysis, and technical advice to inform environmental management and policy decisions in the Lake Tahoe Basin that are approved by the Tahoe Science Advisory Council. **(BDR –460)**

Marlette Lake

10. Request the drafting of a resolution that: (1) recognizes the state’s prescriptive easements for the MLWS; and (2) encourages the State Public Works Division, Department of Administration, to survey, record, and map the MLWS pipelines. **(BDR R–465)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

11. Send a letter to the Congressional Delegation representing the Lake Tahoe Basin encouraging its support of grant funding for fuel removal in the Basin in order to protect critical infrastructure, including, but not limited to, transportation, communication, water, and power systems.
12. Send a letter to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means expressing support for a State General Fund appropriation of \$2.5 million for each fiscal year of the 2027–2029 Biennium for Nevada’s portion of the funding strategy set forth in the Lake Tahoe Transportation Action Plan.
13. Send a letter to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means expressing the Committee’s support for a State General Fund appropriation to maintain the State of Nevada’s one-third share of operating funding for the TRPA for the 2027–2029 Biennium. The historic funding ratio for the TRPA is one-thirds/two-thirds for Nevada and California, respectively.

BULLETIN 27-15

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.750

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 218E.750

NRS 218E.750 Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs: Creation; applicability of provisions governing Joint Interim Standing Committees.

1. The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs is hereby created.

2. The Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members who are appointed in the same manner as the members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee pursuant to [NRS 218E.320](#).

3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of [NRS 218E.320](#), [218E.325](#) and [218E.330](#):

(a) Apply to the Committee in the same manner as a Joint Interim Standing Committee, including, without limitation, providing the Committee with any powers, privileges and immunities set forth in those provisions; and

(b) Control the Committee's formation, organization and operations, including, without limitation, its membership, officers, management, government, budget, compensation, allowances, expenses, meetings and proceedings, but the Committee shall not be deemed a Joint Interim Standing Committee for the purposes of the number of requests that it may submit for the drafting of legislative measures pursuant to [NRS 218D.160](#).

4. If there is a conflict between the provisions of [NRS 218E.320](#), [218E.325](#) and [218E.330](#) and the provisions of a specific statute that applies to the Committee, the provisions of the specific statute control.

(Added to NRS by [2009, 2412](#); A [2011, 3235](#); [2025, 2926](#))

ABSTRACT

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.750

The Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs, in compliance with [NRS 218E.745](#) through [218E.760](#), is authorized to review, study, and comment upon issues including, but not limited to: (1) initiatives to ensure the financial and physical wellness of senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs; (2) abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation, and abandonment of senior citizens and adults with special needs; (3) public outreach and advocacy; (4) programs for the provision of services to senior citizens, veterans, and adults with special needs in this state and methods to enhance such programs to ensure that services are provided in the most appropriate setting; (5) programs that provide services and care in the home; (6) the availability of useful information and data as needed for the State of Nevada to make effective decisions, plan budgets, and monitor costs and outcomes of services; (7) laws relating to the appointment of a guardian, including the improvement of investigations relating to guardianships and systems for monitoring guardianships; and (8) the improvement of facilities for long-term care in Nevada.

An additional responsibility for the Committee includes a duty to review certain statutory reports pursuant to [NRS 333.3368](#) and [338.13846](#). The Purchasing Division and the State Public Works Division, respectively, of the Department of Administration must report to the Committee on the number and dollar amount of state purchasing contracts and contracts awarded to local businesses that are owned by service-disabled veterans.

The Committee held four meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim and completed its work on August 17, 2026. Each meeting had a primary focus as follows:

1. [February 23, 2026](#)—The state of disability services in Nevada; options to improve care for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and accessibility barriers, services, education concerns, and legislative needs for deaf, hard of hearing, and developmentally-disabled Nevadans.
2. [March 30, 2026](#)—Employment and age-discrimination policies affecting older workers; Alzheimer’s disease and senior-related initiatives; vulnerable adult fatality reviews; home- and community-based services and advocacy rights; and senior homelessness and food insecurity, including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and food bank resources.
3. [April 20, 2026](#)—Programs, services, and community resources for veterans and their families; the transition from active duty to civilian life and the workforce; and support services for student veterans.

4. [August 17, 2026](#)—Work session, including Committee approval of recommendations for six bill draft requests (BDRs) for consideration by the 2027 Nevada Legislature. Topics for the BDRs focused on proposals to assist senior citizens, support services for veterans, and access and communication assistance for deaf, deaf-blind, deaf+, and hard of hearing adults. Committee members also authorized the Chair to send a letter to Nevada’s Congressional Delegation urging federal legislative action to improve access to services for veterans affected by military sexual trauma.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218E.750

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs at its meeting on August 17, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Proposals to Assist Senior Citizens

1. Propose legislation to prohibit a landlord, during a specified period, from renewing a rental agreement or entering into a new rental agreement with an existing tenant who is 62 years of age or older if the agreement would increase the rent payable by more than 10 percent of the rent in effect on June 30, 2027, and be in effect for five years. **(BDR 10–425)**
2. Propose legislation to appropriate State General Funds in the amount of \$330,000 to support and expand anti-hunger programs for senior citizens and veterans administered by the Three Square Food Bank and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, with 66 percent of the funds allocated to the Three Square Food Bank and 34 percent allocated to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. **(BDR S–426)**
3. Propose legislation to prohibit the installation, placement, operation, or facilitation of virtual currency kiosks and cashier-facilitated cryptocurrency exchange transactions in this state. Provide that violations constitute a deceptive trade practice and are subject to civil penalties, injunctive relief, forfeiture of kiosks and related equipment, and recovery of fees collected from consumers during any period of violation. **(BDR 52–427)**

Support Services for Veterans

4. Propose legislation to expand the program established under [NRS 407.0655](#), which provides a free annual permit for entry into all state parks and recreation areas, to include certain family members of individuals who were killed in the line of duty while serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. In addition, require the Administrator of the Division of Human Resource Management, Department of Administration, to employ a veterans coordinator to oversee a new veteran hiring program and peer mentor program and related initiatives that support the recruitment and retention of veterans and spouses of veterans or service members. **(BDR 37–428)**

5. Propose legislation to establish the Green Zone Foundation as an independent Nevada nonprofit corporation recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and designate it as the official charitable partner of Nevada's Department of Veterans Services. **(BDR 37–429)**

Access and Communication for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, Deaf+, and Hard of Hearing Adults

6. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Require medical-related intake forms used by doctors, dentists, and other health care providers that include an option for individuals to indicate their preferred language to include American Sign Language;
 - b. Amend [NRS 449.103](#) to expand the existing cultural competency training requirement so it expressly includes patients who are deaf, deaf-blind, deaf+, or hard of hearing within the cultural backgrounds addressed by the training;
 - c. Require the Nevada Health Authority to maintain, on an Internet website, a list of assisted living facilities and senior living communities that provide services specialized for people who are deaf, deaf-blind, deaf+, or hard of hearing; and
 - d. Amend [NRS 656A.515](#) to allow a family member or other authorized third party to file a complaint on behalf of a person who is deaf-blind, deaf+, or hard of hearing when the person is unable or unwilling to do so. **(BDR 40–430)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

7. Send a letter to Nevada's Congressional Delegation urging federal legislative action to improve access to services for veterans affected by military sexual trauma (MST). The letter shall address that MST is often underreported but is a serious and persistent issue within the military and urge consideration of treating MST as a presumptive condition for the purpose of accessing care and benefits.

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SUNSET COMMITTEE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232B.210

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 232B.210

NRS 232B.210 Creation; membership; officers; vacancies; meetings; quorum; compensation; expenses; general powers and duties.

1. The Sunset Committee of the Legislature is hereby created.
2. The Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members who are appointed in the same manner as the members of a Joint Interim Standing Committee pursuant to [NRS 218E.320](#).
3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of [NRS 218E.320](#), [218E.325](#) and [218E.330](#):
 - (a) Apply to the Committee in the same manner as a Joint Interim Standing Committee, including, without limitation, providing the Committee with any powers, privileges and immunities set forth in those provisions; and
 - (b) Control the Committee's formation, organization and operations, including, without limitation, its membership, officers, management, government, budget, compensation, allowances, expenses, meetings and proceedings, but the Committee shall not be deemed a Joint Interim Standing Committee for the purposes of the number of requests that it may submit for the drafting of legislative measures pursuant to [NRS 218D.160](#).
4. If there is a conflict between the provisions of [NRS 218E.320](#), [218E.325](#) and [218E.330](#) and the provisions of a specific statute that applies to the Committee, the provisions of the specific statute control.

(Added to NRS by [2011, 2992](#); A [2013, 787](#); [2025, 443](#), [2935](#))

ABSTRACT

SUNSET COMMITTEE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232B.210

The Sunset Committee is a permanent committee of the Nevada Legislature whose primary duties, established in [NRS 232B.220](#), are to: (1) conduct a review of all boards, commissions, and similar entities in Nevada, created by statute, and determine whether each entity should be continued, modified, consolidated with another entity, or terminated; (2) recommend improvements to the entities that are to be continued, modified, or consolidated; and (3) determine whether any tax exemptions, abatements, or money set aside for an entity should be continued, modified, or terminated. Pursuant to [NRS 232B.220](#), the Committee must review at least ten entities each interim.

Originally created as the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission in 2011, [Senate Bill 226](#) (2025) established the Subcommittee as a standalone Committee of the Legislature and renamed it the Sunset Committee. Additional changes to the Sunset Committee by SB 226 include that the Committee must conclude its work on or before August 31 of each even-numbered year and may request the drafting of up to five legislative measures. The Committee may request the drafting of additional legislative measures if the Legislative Commission approves each additional request by a majority vote. Further, the Committee's membership now consists of eight Legislators, including five members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate, as well as five alternate Legislators.

The Sunset Committee held six meetings during the 2025–2026 Interim. In addition to hearing various state agency presentations related to boards and commissions, the Committee reviewed 16 entities and took action and made recommendations to continue, modify, consolidate, or terminate each entity. Specific summaries for each meeting can be found below:

1. [December 16, 2025](#)—At the first meeting, members received an overview of the duties of the Sunset Committee and an overview of the recently established Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions and Councils Standards of the Department of Business and Industry. The Committee selected 16 [entities for review](#) during the 2025–2026 Interim and approved changes to the review forms that entities selected for review must complete.
2. [February 6, 2026](#)—At the second meeting, the Committee received a presentation from the Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau regarding financial information from professional and occupational licensing boards and reviewed the following entities: Executive Council of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council; Credit Union Advisory Council; Employee-Management Committee; and Government Employee-Management Relations Board. The Committee also voted to review the Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee and to no longer review the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis.

3. [March 27, 2026](#)—At the third meeting, the Committee reviewed four occupational licensing boards: the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors; Certified Court Reporters’ Board of Nevada; State Board of Podiatry; and State Barbers’ Health and Sanitation Board.
4. [May 22, 2026](#)—At the fourth meeting, the Committee reviewed the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Board of Control; Nevada Transportation Authority; and Taxicab Authority.
5. [June 22, 2026](#)—At the fifth meeting, the Committee reviewed the remaining five entities it had selected for review: the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners; Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee; Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing, commonly known as the “Nevada Public Purchasing Study Commission”; Esports Technical Advisory Committee; and California-Nevada Super Speed Ground Transportation Commission.
6. [August 21, 2026](#)—At its final meeting, the Committee conducted a work session and approved five bill draft requests and other actions related to the entities reviewed.

More information about the Committee’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

SUNSET COMMITTEE

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232B.210

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Sunset Committee at its meeting on August 21, 2026. The bill draft requests (BDRs) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Entities Recommended for Continuation

1. Executive Council of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council ([NRS 321.755](#))
2. Credit Union Advisory Council ([NRS 672.290](#))
3. Employee-Management Committee ([NRS 284.068](#))
4. Government Employee-Management Relations Board ([NRS 288.080](#))
5. Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors ([NRS 641C.150](#))
6. Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada ([NRS 656.040](#))
7. State Board of Podiatry ([NRS 635.020](#))
8. Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) Board of Control ([NRS 385B.050](#))
9. Nevada Transportation Authority (NTA) ([NRS 706.1511](#))
10. Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners ([NRS 630A.100](#))

Entities Recommended for Termination With Duties Transferred

11. State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board ([NRS 643.020](#))—The Sunset Committee recommended terminating the State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board and transferring its duties to the State Board of Cosmetology.
12. Taxicab Authority (TA) ([NRS 706.8818](#))—The Sunset Committee recommended terminating the TA and transferring its duties to the NTA.
13. Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee ([NRS 422.185](#))—The Sunset Committee recommended terminating the Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee and transferring its duties to the Medicaid Advisory Committee.

Entities Recommended for Termination

14. Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing ([NRS 332.215](#))
15. Esports Technical Advisory Committee ([NRS 463.830](#))
16. California-Nevada Super Speed Ground Transportation Commission ([NRS 705.4293](#))

Letters and Statements

17. Include a statement in the Committee's final report supporting the appointment of Government Employee-Management Relations Board members who are diverse in gender, race, and ethnicity.
18. Send a letter to the NIAA Board of Control encouraging the Board to adopt regulations allowing a public-school student to participate on a sanctioned sports team through a charter school if the sanctioned sport is not offered by the student's public school.
19. Include a statement in the Committee's final report supporting the continuation of the TA's pilot program for hailing taxicabs through the Uber application and the implementation of teen accounts for taxicab rides through the TA.
20. Send a letter to the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners supporting the adoption of regulations by the Board to allow for the electronic submission of fingerprints, similar to regulations in [Chapter 648](#) of *Nevada Administrative Code* governing the Private Investigator's Licensing Board.
21. Include a statement in the Committee's final report supporting the review of the Regional Business Development Advisory Council for Clark County by the Sunset Committee during the 2027–2028 Interim.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada

22. Request the drafting of a bill containing certain provisions that were amended out of [Senate Bill 191](#) (2025) to:
 - a. Provide for the certification, licensing, and regulation of legal recorders and legal recording firms by the Certified Court Reporters' Board of Nevada (CCRB). A legal recorder is someone who records certain proceedings by the use of audio equipment, video cameras, or any system of recording simultaneous audio and video. A legal recording firm is a business that provides or arranges certain services relating to certified legal recorders;

- b. Authorize the CCRB to take similar disciplinary actions against individuals or firms engaging in legal recording activities without a certificate or license as it would against individuals or firms engaging in court reporting activities without a certificate or license as outlined in [NRS 656.240](#) through [656.300](#);
- c. Authorize the CCRB to refer violations related to practicing court reporting or legal reporting without a certificate or conducting business as a court reporting firm or legal recording firm without a license to a district attorney or the Attorney General; and
- d. Revise the membership of the CCRB to replace one member who is a certified court reporter with a member who is a certified legal recorder, who is required to have been actively engaged as a certified legal recorder for at least five years. **(BDR 54–471)**

State Board of Podiatry

23. Request the drafting of a bill to:

- a. Require podiatric physicians to receive training for administering neuromodulators related to Clostridium botulinum and dermal or soft tissue fillers only if there is available such training that is related to the practice of podiatry;
- b. Amend [NRS 218G.400](#) to increase the minimum revenue limit that requires an audit for regulatory boards from \$200,000 to \$500,000; and
- c. Adopt the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact. **(BDR 54–469)**

Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Board of Control

24. Request the drafting of a bill to:

- a. Establish regional sections responsible for operational decisions while maintaining a unified statewide association. Regional section members will be principals from school districts, the State Public Charter School Authority, and private schools premised upon NIAA-eligible student athlete population; and
- b. Modernize the composition of the NIAA Board of Control to reflect representation. **(BDR 34–470)**

Nevada Transportation Authority and Taxicab Authority

25. Request the drafting of a bill to:

- a. Terminate the TA and transfer its duties to the NTA; and
- b. Restructure the membership of the NTA to include five commissioners appointed by the Governor who work part-time. **(BDR 58–468)**

Other Entities Reviewed by the Sunset Committee

26. Request the drafting of a bill to:

- a. Regarding the Executive Council of the Land Use Planning Advisory Council:
 - i. Provide that the Administrator of the Division of State Lands, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, votes as a member of the Executive Council only in the case of a tie vote.
- b. Regarding the Employee-Management Committee:
 - i. Clarify that the Committee has jurisdiction over grievances by employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement as well as certain policies and practices that are not subject to the grievance and arbitration processes under a collective bargaining agreement; and
 - ii. Increase the length of member terms to four years and provide that members cannot continue to serve beyond their appointed term.
- c. Regarding the Government Employee-Management Relations Board:
 - i. Require the Governor in 2029, when the terms of four Board members expire, to appoint one member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, one member for a term of three years, and one member for a term of four years. This would be a one-time re-staggering of member terms, and member terms for those appointed after 2029 would revert to four years;
 - ii. Require Board members to have labor experience either in the public or private sector;
 - iii. Require at least two Board members to have management labor experience and at least two Board members to have employee labor experience; and
 - iv. Require at least one Board member to be a practicing attorney.
- d. Regarding the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors:
 - i. Require the Board to prescribe by regulation the fee for the renewal of a license or certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor, a license as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor, or a certificate as a problem gambling counselor which may not exceed \$500; and
 - ii. Require the Board to evaluate—and report to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor during the 2027–2028 Interim regarding its findings on—statutory and regulatory pathways that support

expanding the problem gambling counseling workforce in Nevada while maintaining appropriate public protection standards, including:

1. Reviewing education and training equivalencies that may allow certain accredited coursework to reduce required supervised experience hours for qualified applicants;
2. Evaluating enhanced endorsement pathways for problem gambling counselors, including recognizing International Problem Gambling and Gaming Certification credentials where consistent with Nevada standards; and
3. Assessing whether existing statutory language adequately supports workforce development initiatives in rural and underserved areas.

e. Regarding the State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board:

- i. Terminate the State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board and transfer its duties to the State Board of Cosmetology;
- ii. Add two members to the State Board of Cosmetology who are licensed barbers;
- iii. Establish a fee of \$100 to process an application for a barber license by endorsement, which the applicant would pay in addition to the existing barber license fee; and
- iv. Establish a processing fee of \$300 for foreign background documents for applications relating to barbering.

f. Regarding the Nevada Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners:

- i. Change the name of the Board to the Nevada Board of Integrative Medical Examiners and make related statutory revisions to reflect the Board's scope of regulating all forms of alternative medicine;
- ii. Stagger Board member terms;
- iii. Reduce the number of members on the Board from six to five by eliminating one of the two members who, among other qualifications, are not licensed in any state to practice any healing art (subsection 4 of [NRS 630A.110](#));
- iv. Prohibit Board members from serving more than two consecutive four-year terms;
- v. Authorize a reduced fee tier not to exceed \$400 annually for out-of-state homeopathic physicians practicing exclusively via telehealth with no in-person care or physical office in Nevada; and

- vi. Allow the use of secure remote proctoring and third-party testing centers.
- g. Terminate the Medicaid Reinvestment Advisory Committee and transfer its duties to the Medicaid Advisory Committee;
- h. Terminate the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing;
- i. Terminate the Esports Technical Advisory Committee;
- j. Terminate the California-Nevada Super Speed Ground Transportation Commission; and
- k. Change the name of the Sunset Committee to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee. **(BDR 54-467)**

BULLETIN 27-17

NEVADA SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 427A.320

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NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (NRS) 427A.320

NRS 427A.320 Creation.

The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum is hereby created to identify and act upon issues of importance to aging persons.

(Added to NRS by [1997, 2724](#); A [2001, 3026](#))

ABSTRACT

NEVADA SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 427A.320

The Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum was created by the 1997 Nevada Legislature under [NRS 427A.320](#) to identify and act upon issues of importance to aging persons. Its membership, powers, and duties are set forth in [NRS 427A.313](#) through [427A.400](#). Further, [NRS 218D.220](#) authorizes the Forum to submit one bill draft request (BDR) on or before September 1 preceding each regular legislative session.

The Forum is comprised of members equal to the number of State Senators (21) who, among other qualifications, must have been registered voters for one year preceding their appointment in the senatorial district of the Senator who nominates them. As of August 2026, the Forum had 19 members. The Forum seats for Senate Districts 3 and 21 became vacant because the members resigned during the 2025–2026 Interim.

The Forum held five meetings during the interim and completed its work on August 26, 2026. The Forum considered topics relating to: (1) housing affordability; (2) long-term care services and supports; (3) public assistance programs; and (4) transportation programs and services for low-income seniors. All meetings were open to the public and conducted through simultaneous videoconferences between legislative meeting rooms in Las Vegas and Carson City, Nevada. Forum members and presenters also attended remotely using an online videoconferencing platform.

During its work session on August 26, 2026, the Forum approved a recommendation to request the drafting of a BDR to be considered by the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature. The proposed BDR creates and funds the Nevada Access to Transportation Program to assess and prioritize the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities and support various direct transportation initiatives statewide. Forum members also authorized the Forum President to send letters to the Governor, state and local government agencies, and various legislative committees in support of certain efforts that were considered by the Forum during the interim.

More information about the Forum’s activities—including minutes, recordings of meetings, and copies of presentations and other exhibits—may be accessed on the Legislature’s website for the [2025–2026 Interim](#).

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

NEVADA SILVER HAired LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 427A.320

This summary presents the recommendations approved by the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum at its meeting on August 26, 2026. The bill draft request (BDR) will be forwarded to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LEGISLATION

Access to Transportation—Expand and Modify the Taxi Assistance Program

1. Propose legislation to:
 - a. Create the Nevada Access to Transportation Program for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Account in the State General Fund, and appropriate \$5 million from the State General Fund to be expended before July 1, 2029, to the Account—administered by the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), Department of Human Services (DHS);
 - b. Establish the Nevada Access to Transportation Program for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities within ADSD, DHS. The Division may accept any bequest, donation, gift, grant, or other source of funding to fulfill the purposes of the Program. Additionally, deposit any funding in the Account that is derived from the Taxicab Authority Fund pursuant to subsection 5 of [NRS 706.8825](#);
 - c. Require the Division to administer the Program in accordance with regulations adopted by the Administrator of the Division. The regulations shall include, without limitation:
 - i. A biennial needs assessment that evaluates the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in Nevada;
 - ii. A determination of the level of priority of the transportation needs identified;
 - iii. Creation of a spending plan of the money in the Account in accordance with the levels of priority; and
 - iv. Any other regulations as necessary to establish and administer the Program;

- d. Authorize the Administrator, ADSD, DHS, to use money in the Account to:
 - i. Fund the existing Taxi Assistance Program, but expand the discounted taxicab vouchers to other areas of the state—as feasible and by level of priority;
 - ii. Create and fund a similar voucher program that may be used with transportation network companies;
 - iii. Establish or fund any other direct transportation initiative that aims to improve access to transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Nevada, according to the spending plan and ordered by levels of priority; and
 - iv. Be reimbursed for any administrative costs for the personnel and operating costs of the Program, not to exceed 10 percent of the total funding allocated in the Account in a fiscal year;
- e. Require the Administrator, ADSD, DHS, to send, on July 1 of an odd-numbered year, a report about the Program’s initiatives based on the biennial needs assessment, as well as a detailed overview of its revenue and expenses, to the:
 - i. Interim Finance Committee;
 - ii. Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;
 - iii. Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs; and
 - iv. Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum. **(BDR 38–496)**

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Stable Rent Increases for Seniors With Fixed Incomes

- 2. Send letters to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Commerce and Labor expressing the Forum’s support for legislation requested by the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs at its August 17, 2026, meeting. The BDR would prohibit a landlord—during a specified period—from renewing a rental agreement or entering into a new rental agreement with an existing tenant who is 62 years of age or older if the agreement would increase the rent by more than 10 percent of the rent in effect on June 30, 2027. This would remain in effect for five years.

Public Assistance Programs

3. Send letters to the members of Nevada's Congressional Delegation urging timely legislative action to address the Social Security program's financing gap and preserve the program's long-term solvency for current and future beneficiaries.
4. Send letters to the members of Nevada's Congressional Delegation expressing the Forum's concerns regarding changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) through [H.R.1](#) (119th Congress) providing for reconciliation, and the impacts on state governments, including Nevada. Specifically, urge the Delegation to consider and pass a two-year, cost-shift delay for states to protect the fiscal health of SNAP, including the nearly 58,000 senior households receiving SNAP in this state. The additional cost burden for Nevada would increase by around \$44 million or more per year if the state is unable to lower its payment error rate below 6 percent in 2026.
5. Send letters to the Governor, the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Director of DHS expressing the Forum's support of efforts to reduce food insecurity of senior citizens in Nevada by leveraging all state authority to:
 - a. Expand SNAP online purchasing capabilities with senior-friendly interfaces, phone ordering, or local grocery partnerships;
 - b. Allow home delivered groceries paid for with SNAP, similar to existing programs in, for instance, Arizona, Minnesota, and New York;
 - c. Integrate SNAP enrollment into senior service hubs and congregate meal sites; and
 - d. Establish transportation stipends or partnerships with senior centers and other nonprofit organizations for those unable to shop independently;

Additionally, urge the Governor and the Director of DHS to seek all federal authority for adjustments to the SNAP formula by tailoring them to seniors' actual living expenses through:

- e. Increasing the medical expense deduction cap or automatically apply a standard medical deduction without requiring documentation for small recurring costs;
- f. Adjusting the shelter deduction rules to better reflect the true cost of housing for older renters and homeowners, especially in high-cost areas;
- g. Implementing a senior cost-of-living adjustment that ties maximum SNAP benefits for households with members age 60 and older to a senior-specific index, such as the [Consumer Price Index for the Elderly](#); and
- h. Protecting seniors' savings by raising or eliminating the asset test for older adults, so modest retirement savings do not disqualify them from services.

Multisector Plan for Aging

6. Send letters to the Governor, the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on HHS, and the Director of DHS expressing the Forum's support for the development of a statewide Multisector Plan for Aging—a coordinated, cross-agency framework aligning health care, housing, long-term services, transportation, and workforce around the needs of Nevada's growing senior population. As Nevada's older population grows, current efforts remain fragmented across state agencies, making it harder for nonprofit agencies, families, and providers to navigate resources. The Forum recommends broad stakeholder engagement; attention to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers; and regular public reporting on progress.

Dementia Care Specialist Program

7. Send letters to the Governor, the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on HHS, and the Director of DHS expressing the Forum's support for the Dementia Care Specialist Pilot Program, administered by ADSD, DHS, and urging legislation that permanently establishes and funds at least five dementia support specialists in each of [Nevada's five behavioral health regions](#), similar to [Assembly Bill 337](#), which was considered during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Expand Advocacy Rights Attorney Services for Seniors and Adults With Disabilities

8. Include a statement in the Forum's final report expressing the Forum's support to expand the scope of the Office of the Attorney for the Rights of Older Persons and Persons with a Physical Disability, an Intellectual Disability or a Developmental Disability within ADSD, DHS, by:
 - a. Clarifying the legislative mandate to ensure the Office's fiscal and operational independency from other state government entities;
 - b. Increasing funding for personnel and operating costs of the Office to include, for example: (1) three additional deputy advocacy rights attorneys—overseen by the existing Advocacy Rights Attorney—one responsible for northern Nevada, one responsible for southern Nevada, and one responsible for rural Nevada; and (2) two administrative assistant positions to assist the work of the attorneys; and
 - c. Expanding the authority on the legal issues the Office may address to include: (1) housing stability and eviction legal defense for renters and landlords who are seniors; (2) abuse of Power of Attorney privileges; (3) hospice, medical, and personal care assistance or referrals and levels of care; or (4) aging in place advocacy.

Funding for Public Transportation Services for Seniors

9. Send letters to the Governor, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, and the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means expressing the Forum's support for all public transportation services provided to seniors and individuals with disabilities and

urging them to increase funding to public service providers that meet the additional transportation needs of vulnerable populations throughout Nevada and avoid program cuts or cost increases to existing services.

Housing Affordability and Homelessness

10. Send letters to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Government Affairs urging them to consider policy options during the 2027 Legislative Session that aim to:
 - a. Increase opportunities for higher-density housing and incentivize zoning reform;
 - b. Encourage the streamlining and expediting of the permitting process;
 - c. Institute the Middle-Income Housing Tax Credit, expand the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, increase transferable tax credits, and reduce impact fees;
 - d. Bolster Nevada's construction workforce; and
 - e. Create statewide, intentional landlord engagement programs and work to increase Nevada's share of housing vouchers.
11. Send letters to the Governor, the Director of Nevada's Department of Veterans Services, and the Nevada Association of Counties expressing the Forum's strong support of initiatives that address the growing population experiencing homelessness in the state and urging them to increase coordination between state and local agencies in order to address the growing need for safe, secure, and stable housing for senior citizens and elderly veterans.