



Policy Briefings
Phase II of New Legislator Orientation and Training
Las Vegas, Nevada
December 2018

Tuesday, December 4	
8:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Room 4412	Breakfast Buffet
8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Break
9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Room 4101 Videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building	<p>Health Insurance Coverage, Access to Care, and Adequacy of Medicaid Reimbursement Rates in Nevada</p> <p>Nearly 90 percent of Nevadans have health insurance, yet many residents face challenges obtaining needed health care. The cost and availability of services also influence a person’s ability to access care. Learn what the health insurance market looks like in Nevada; how Medicaid—which covers nearly a quarter of the state’s residents—impacts the state budget and how Medicaid provider reimbursement is determined. Hear how the state’s shortage of health care professionals affects access to care, especially in rural areas, and discuss recent state policies and policy options to address health insurance coverage and the cost and availability of health care in Nevada.</p> <p>Presenters: Marsheilah D. Lyons, Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) Megan Comlossy, Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB Cathy Crocket, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB Eric W. Robbins, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB</p>
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Break



<p>10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Room 4101</p>	<p>Natural Resources With an Emphasis on Water Resources</p> <p>During each legislative session, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining consider a broad variety of topics related to Nevada’s natural resources and environment. As the most arid state in the nation, Nevada’s water resource policy issues are especially complex, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conjunctive management of surface and ground water; • Domestic wells; • Mitigation of impacts to avoid conflicts; and • Severely over-appropriated groundwater basins. <p>Presenters: Alysa M. Keller, Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB Bradley Crowell, Director, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Jason King, P.E., State Engineer and Administrator, Division of Water Resources, DCNR</p>
<p>11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Room 4412</p>	<p>Lunch—Visit with presenters and staff from morning and afternoon sessions.</p>
<p>12:30 p.m.–12:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>12:45 p.m.–4:30 p.m. (Vans leave Grant Sawyer State Office Building at 12:45 p.m. SHARP)</p>	<p>School Safety and Juvenile Justice</p> <p>Off-site Tour—Eldorado High School, Clark County School District (CCSD), 1139 North Linn Lane, Las Vegas</p> <p>Legislators will tour Eldorado High School and learn about initiatives to improve school safety and climate. A roundtable discussion will follow with the legislators to learn about initiatives related to better mental health, front-end diversion programs for at-risk youth, education programming for justice-involved youth, the school-to-prison pipeline, and substance abuse.</p>



	<p>Presenters:</p> <p>Jennifer Sturm, Senior Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB Diane Thornton, Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB David Wilson, Principal, Eldorado High School, CCSD Mike R. Barton, Ed.D., Chief Officer, College, Career and Equity Unit, CCSD Representative, Police Services, CCSD Brigid Duffy, Director, Juvenile Division, Office of the District Attorney, Clark County Michael Whelihan, Assistant Director, Department of Juvenile Justice Services, Clark County</p>
4:30 p.m.	Return to Grant Sawyer State Office Building and Adjourn
Wednesday, December 5	
7:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m. Room 4412	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.	Break
8:15 a.m.–1 p.m. (Vans leave Grant Sawyer State Office Building at 8:15 a.m. SHARP) (Lunch provided at SECTA)	<p>Career and Technical Education and Topics on Workforce Development</p> <p>Off-site Tour—Southeast Career and Technical Academy (SECTA), CCSD, 5710 South Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas</p> <p>Legislators will gain an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Nevada is leveraging career and technical education (CTE) to provide students with a rigorous career pathway linked to competitive opportunities; • Opportunities and challenges in increasing the availability of CTE to more students and adults; • Public private partnerships in CTE; and • Agencies involved in workforce development and how they address the needs of employers and job seekers.



	<p>Presenters:</p> <p>Kelly S. Richard, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB</p> <p>Marji Paslov Thomas, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB</p> <p>Ryan Cordia, Principal, SECTA, CCSD</p> <p>Kerry Larnerd, Director, Career and Technical Education Department, College, Career, and Equity Unit, CCSD</p> <p>Brad Keating, Director, Government Relations Department, Community Engagement Unit, CCSD</p> <p>Representative, Police Services, CCSD</p> <p>Kristine Nelson, M.A., C.P.M., Director, Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options, Nevada’s Department of Education (NDE)</p> <p>Dawn Burns, Ed.D., Supervisor, New Skills for Youth Education Programs, Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options, NDE</p> <p>Derek Armstrong, Deputy Director, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Governor</p> <p>Manny Lamarre, Executive Director, Office of Workforce Innovation, Office of the Governor</p> <p>Irene Bustamante Adams, Chief Strategy Officer, Workforce Connections</p> <p>Michael Spangler, Ph.D., Dean, School of Advanced and Applied Technologies, College of Southern Nevada (CSN), Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)</p> <p>Ricardo Villalobos, Ph.D., Executive Director, Division of Workforce and Economic Development, CSN, NSHE</p> <p>Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director, Workforce Development, NSHE</p> <p>Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, Ph.D., M.S.N., R.N., Director of Education, Nevada State Board of Nursing</p>
1:00 p.m.	Return to Grant Sawyer State Office Building
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Room 4401	<p>K–12 Education Funding</p> <p>Legislators will gain an understanding of how K–12 education is funded in Nevada through state, local, and other revenues. The presentation will include a discussion of how per-pupil funding amounts are calculated through the funding mechanism known as <i>The Nevada Plan</i>. Information will also be provided regarding</p>



	<p>K–12 programs funded outside <i>The Nevada Plan</i> through categorical funding to target investment in certain program areas.</p> <p>Presenters: Julie Waller, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB Adam Drost, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB</p>
3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Room 4401	<p>Revenue and Taxation</p> <p>Legislators will gain an understanding of the role of the Economic Forum in projecting General Fund revenues and how those projections are used in the state budget and the differences between state and local revenue sources.</p> <p>Presenter: Russell J. Guindon, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB</p>
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

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