



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

DATE: December 16, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Cadence Matijevich, Government Affairs Liaison, Office of the County Manager, 775-328-2077, cmatijevich@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Eric P. Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Review and approval of revisions to the *Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy; State Legislature*. The policy provides guidelines and requirements for all County officers, employees and contract lobbyists while engaged in legislative and lobbying activities with the State of Nevada Legislature and its members. The proposed revisions to the policy are intended to update the policy to conform with the requirements and definitions established in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 218H – Lobbying, which has been revised several times since Board adoption of the current policy in October 2012. Additional revisions are recommended for form, clarity, and to remove gendered language from the policy. Manager’s Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Board is asked to review and approve revisions to the *Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy; State Legislature*. The policy provides guidelines and requirements for all County officers, employees and contract lobbyists while engaged in legislative and lobbying activities with the State of Nevada Legislature and its members.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board first approved the *Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy; State Legislature* on December 21, 2004. The Board approved a revised version of the policy on October 9, 2012.

BACKGROUND

It is necessary for county officers and employees to participate in the State of Nevada’s biennial legislative process, including legislative and lobbying activities, and in so doing, those county officers and employees are carrying out public business. The *Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy; State Legislature* provides guidelines and requirements that must be followed by all county officers, employees and contract

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lobbyists while engaged in legislative and lobbying activities with the Nevada Legislature and its members. The policy allows for coordinated and effective lobbying activities, provides guidance and consistent procedures for appropriate lobbying activities, and provides requirements for reporting activities to the State of Nevada and to the Board.

The proposed revisions to the policy are intended to update the policy to conform with the requirements and definitions established in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 218H – Lobbying, which has been revised several times since Board adoption of the current policy in October 2012. Additional revisions are recommended for form, clarity, and to remove gendered language from the policy. Redline and clean version of the proposed policy are attached to this report.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board review and approve the updated and revised Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy: State Legislature

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with Staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “I move to approve the *Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy: State Legislature*”.

Attachments: A – Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy: State
Legislature_Revised Redline

B – Washoe County Employee Lobbying Policy: State
Legislature_Revised Clean