



Office of the County Manager

Federal Legislative Activity Report – 4th Quarter 2025

As specified in the *Washoe County Federal Legislative Principles and Lobbying Practices for the 119th United States Congress* approved by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners on January 14, 2025, the following is a summary of the federal legislative activities of Washoe County staff, contract lobbyists and elected officials during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025.

October 2025

- Throughout the month, Washoe County staff and contract lobbyists were in communication with staff from our congressional members' offices to provide them with information on the impact in/to Washoe County from the partial shutdown of the federal government.
- A letter of support for the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern was sent under Chair Hill's signature to Surface Transportation Board Chairman Fuchs, citing benefits including reduced transit times for Nevada shippers, improvements to safety and efficiency, and reduced wear on local roads.
- Washoe County's contract lobbyist (Porter Group) continued to express the County's support for the FEMA Act to our congressional delegation.

November 2025

- Washoe County staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) continued to provide updates to our congressional delegation on the impacts in/to Washoe County resulting from the partial shutdown of the federal government.
- In response to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care (CoC) grants for Federal Fiscal Year 2025, Washoe County signed on to an organizational letter from the Corporation for Supportive Housing to Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries urging Congress to include language in a forthcoming appropriations bill directing HUD to renew all CoC grants expiring in calendar year for a full year. The grant criteria set forth in the NOFO was a significant departure from previous fiscal years and would have significantly reduced funding available to the Washoe County CoC as compared to prior grant periods. Information on the potential impacts from the changes to the CoC grant was communicated to all members of our congressional delegation.

December 2025

- Washoe County staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) met with staff from Senator Rosen's office to provide specific anticipated impacts should the HUD CoC NOFO move forward as initially released.
- On December 8, 2025, HUD withdrew the CoC grant program NOFO, indicating that a revised NOFO would be issued at a later date.
- Washoe County staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) corresponded with Senator Rosen's office regarding potential scheduling of a hearing for the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural



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Resources. While the bill ultimately was not scheduled for hearing in December 2025, it is still anticipated that it will be heard in the 119th Congress.