



Office of the County Manager

Federal Legislative Activity Report – 3rd Quarter 2024

As specified in the *Washoe County Federal Legislative Principles and Lobbying Practices for the 118th United States Congress* approved by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners on December 12, 2023, the following is a summary of the federal legislative activities of Washoe County staff, contract lobbyists and elected officials during the third quarter of calendar year 2024.

July 2024

- The County Manager submitted a letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Buttigieg supporting the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority's application for the Airport Terminal Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025 as outlined in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- Washoe County staff provided updates to our Congressional Delegation on the July 21, 2024, Hidden Valley flash flood event.
- Commissioner Andriola communicated with Congressman Amodei's office to advocate for expedited BLM review of a potential shooting facility in the North Valleys and possible funding sources for such a facility.
- Washoe County staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) communicated with Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen and Congressman Amodei regarding the issue of availability and affordability of fire insurance, particularly in the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- Washoe County staff and contract lobbyist (Porter Group) coordinated the submission of a letter of support from Senator Rosen to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Buttigieg for Washoe County's Federal Lands Access Program grant application seeking funding to enhance the infrastructure of Washoe County Road 34 and to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety along Main Street in Gerlach.

August 2024

- Congressman Amodei participated in the ribbon cutting event at the Cares Campus Welcome Center; staff from Senator Cortez Masto's office attended and provided certificates from both Senator Cortez Masto and Senator Rosen.
- Washoe County staff provided Senator Rosen with a tour of the Cares Campus, with particular focus on the newly opened Welcome Center and the Permanent Supportive Housing project currently under construction.
- Chair Hill participated in the 2024 Lake Tahoe Summit, including briefings with U. S. Department of Transportation Secretary Buttigieg.
- Washoe County staff met in person with staff from Senator Cortez Masto's office to discuss Washoe County's appropriations request for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 and how to optimize the County's requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2026.
- Washoe County staff met in person with staff from Senator Cortez Masto's office to discuss the County's behavioral health priorities.
- Notice was received that none of the County's Federal Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations requests submitted by Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen to committees had gained committee approval.
- The United States Postal Service announced that it was no longer pursuing their plan to transfer processing of outbound mail from Reno to Sacramento, CA.



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- Washoe County staff participated in an in-person roundtable event in Las Vegas discussing the Families First Prevention Services Act with Senator Cortez Masto and Administration on Children, Youth and Families Commissioner Rebecca Jones Gaston.
- The County Manager submitted a letter to our Congressional Delegation in support of S. 4159/H.R. 8069 The Strengthening the Medical Examiner and Coroner System Act of 2024 and requesting that they consider becoming a co-sponsor of the measure.

September 2024

- Chair Hill corresponded with the White House regarding resources for the Davis Fire and on the topic of the availability and affordability of fire insurance for Nevada property owners.
- Washoe County staff provided updates to our Congressional Delegation on the Davis Fire.
- Washoe County contract lobbyist (Porter Group) provided the County Manager's Office with a summary of H.R. 6944 The INSURE Act sponsored by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), which seeks to address insurance for perils such as wildfire, flooding, hurricanes and earthquakes.
- Upon request, Washoe County staff provided Senator Rosen's office with copies of the *Truckee River Vision Plan* and the *One Truckee River Plan*.



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