



Report on the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature



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OVERVIEW

The 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature ("session") began on February 3, 2025, and adjourned *sine die* at 12:35 a.m. on June 3, 2025.

On January 14, 2025, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the 2025 Washoe County State Legislative Principles. These principles provided the foundation to guide the activities of staff, lobbyists, and elected officials while representing Washoe County before the Nevada Legislature. In accordance with the 2025 Washoe County State Legislative Principles, Commissioners Alexis Hill and Jeanne Herman were named as liaisons to the Washoe County Legislative Team and met with County Manager Eric Brown and staff on a weekly basis during the Session to provide input and guidance on proposed legislation.

Throughout the course of the session, staff provided regular updates to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners at each of the Board's regularly scheduled public meetings. At some of these updates, specific bills were identified for consideration of adoption of an official policy position by the Board. The Board adopted official policy positions on a total of six bills, which are discussed in greater detail in the highlighted legislation section of this report. As bills were considered by the Legislature, the Washoe County Legislative Team communicated positions on bills to legislators and other stakeholders and testified in legislative committee meetings. Positions were determined in accordance with the adopted 2025 Washoe County State Legislative Principles, the official policy positions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and positions of the County's Elected Officers when bills directly related to the jurisdiction of their respective office.

The Washoe County Legislative Team reviewed and monitored over 1,100 bills during the session. The County's final bill tracking list at the conclusion of the Session included 641 measures and 54 budget accounts. Governor Lombardo signed 519 bills into law and vetoed 87 bills. 40 resolutions were adopted and delivered to the Secretary of State.

MAJOR THEMES

The 1,254 bill draft requests submitted for the session covered a wide variety of subjects. Many of these measures focused on topics of interest to Washoe County including animal welfare, behavioral health, child welfare, elections, fire insurance, government administration, homelessness, housing, Lake Tahoe, public safety, sustainability, tax policy and workforce development. An list of the bills related to these topics may be found on the final pages of this report.

FISCAL IMPACT

Many of the bills introduced during the session included provisions that would have a fiscal effect on Washoe County. A total of 240 fiscal notes were submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau containing information on the estimated financial impact of bills on Washoe County, including revised fiscal notes on certain bills to reflect changes to the estimated fiscal impact of those bills as they were amended during the session. For some bills that would have a fiscal impact on Washoe County, a definitive estimate of the amount of the impact could be calculated. The specific dollar amount of the impact was included in the fiscal note submitted for those bills. Other bills were identified as having an impact, but because certain conditions or variables could not be quantified a reliable estimate of the financial effect could not be determined. In some cases, the financial impact of these bills to Washoe County could be significant.

For those bills that Washoe County was able to quantify a fiscal impact for, the tables below show the initial estimated fiscal impact of those bills as introduced and the final estimated fiscal impact of those bills in their final version. Details on the fiscal impact of individual bills may be found in the bill summary attached to this report.

As Introduced

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Future Biennia
Unfunded Mandates	\$8.67M	\$10.98M	\$32.57M
Expense Reductions	\$96,631	\$96,631	\$193,262
New Revenues (Ongoing)	\$0	\$0	\$31M

Final Passage

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027	Future Biennia
Unfunded Mandates	\$1.4M	\$2.02M	\$4.47M
New Revenues (One-time)	\$1.2M	\$729,576	\$0

STATE BUDGET

In addition to one-time appropriations contained in individual bills, funding increases in state budget accounts of interest to Washoe County were approved during the budget process. Of particular interest were the following:

Department of Health and Human Services – Washoe County Child Welfare Budget

- \$3.19M over the biennium to provide supportive services and direct financial support to young adults (aged 18 – 21) who had been in foster care as a child and choose to participate in the Extended Young Adult Support Services program.
- \$420,000 over the biennium to provide additional transportation services for youth in foster care.

Secretary of State and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Budgets

- One-time general fund appropriations of \$23.52M for various expenditures related to the implementation of the Voter Registration and Election Management Solution, commonly referred to as VREMS.
- One-time general fund appropriations of \$3.5M for contract services to ensure the connection of Automatic Voter Registration agencies and costs to conduct mock elections for training and functionality verification.
- One-time general fund appropriations of \$1.5M for voter education campaign content, translation contract services and travel expenditures.
- One-time general fund appropriations of \$4.2M for Project Orion, the business licensing system modernization project.

HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION

The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners adopted an official policy position on the following five measures:

AB287
Position: Support
Final Status: Failed Passage
Summary: Revised the circumstances under which a candidate defeated at certain elections or a voter may demand a recount; requiring, under certain circumstances, that a recount for certain elections be conducted; requiring certain costs for certain recounts to be repaid from the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account; creating the Voter Access Grant Program and the Account for the Voter Access Grant Program.

AB333
Position: Support
Final Status: Became Law
Effective Date: Section 15 and Sections 11 and 13 effective May 30, 2025. Sections 1 to 10, inclusive, 12 and 14 effective on the day that the agreement between the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of

Conservation and Natural Resources and Washoe County that is required pursuant to section 11 of the act takes effect.

Summary: Requires the Director of the State Department of Agriculture to establish the Nevada State Fairgrounds; creates the Account for the Maintenance and Operation of the Nevada State Fairgrounds; revises certain duties of the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board relating to the real property leased to Washoe County for use as a fairground; terminates a lease for certain real property leased to Washoe County; requires the State Land Registrar to enter into an agreement to lease certain real property to Washoe County; requires the State Department of Agriculture to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of certain real property; repeals certain provisions of existing law governing the lease of certain real property to Washoe County.

SB65

Position: Support

Final Status: Failed Passage

Summary: Providing, with certain exceptions, that the final report of a coroner concerning certain investigations of deaths is a public record.

SB73

Position: Support

Final Status: Failed Passage

Summary: Requires a county or city clerk to allow any person to inspect the signature of a registered voter; prohibits a county or city clerk from providing a copy or allowing a person to copy the signature of any registered voter.

SB319

Position: Neutral

Final Status: Became Law

Effective Date: Sections 15.5, 17 and 18 effective June 9, 2025. Section 15 effective June 9, 2025 and expires by limitation July 1, 2027. Sections 1 to 14, inclusive, and 16 effective on July 1, 2027.

Summary: Requires the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, Reno City Council and Sparks City Council to establish a board to conduct a study relating to the creation of a county fire protection district within Washoe County and to prepare a report on the study findings and recommendations by December 31, 2026.

BILLS OF INTEREST

The bill tracking table attached as an appendix to this report contains summary information on bills of interest to Washoe County that were introduced and considered during the session. This table is not an all-inclusive list of every bill considered during the session that may have some relevance to Washoe County. Rather, the table is intended to provide information on those bills which most directly relate to the objectives of the Washoe County Strategic Plan, bills that require the County to take specific action(s), grant new authority to the County, and/or would have a fiscal impact on the County.

The summary information in the table does not necessarily address all provisions of each bill as some bills contain sections not directly applicable or otherwise of interest to Washoe County. The effective date listed for bills that passed and became law is the primary effective date(s) of the provisions of the bill most directly related to Washoe County. In some cases, certain sections of a bill may have an earlier effective date(s) for the purpose of adopting regulations or completing other administrative tasks necessary to implement the bill and/or a bill may have certain sections that become effective later than others.

Additional information on all legislation from the Session may be found online in the [Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System](#).

BILLS PERTAINING TO MAJOR THEMES

Animal Welfare

AB136 AB318
AB418

Behavioral Health

AB19 AB60
AB207 AB269
AB331 AB339
AB374 AB380
AB467 AB550
AB514 SB47
SB68 SB165
SB281 SB347
SB353

Child Welfare

AB107 AB227
AB387 AB460
AB515 AB518
AB520 AB521
SB4 SB183

Child Welfare, Con't

SB187 SB192
SB281 SB284

SB306

SB372

SB409 SB504

Community Development

SB48 SB55
SB69 SB276
SB288 SB405

Elections

AB14 AB92
AB105 AB123
AB127 AB147
AB148 AB178
AB228 AB229
AB237 AB261
AB262 AB271
AB287 AB306

Elections, Cont'd

AB367	AB372
AB491	AB496
AB499	AB534
AB562	AB597
SB73	SB74
SB100	SB102
SB122	SB195
SB205	SB225
SB421	SB422
SB428	SB488

Fire Insurance

AB376	AB437
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Government Administration

AB33	AB51
AB64	AB114
AB125	AB127
AB128	AB133
AB152	AB197
AB208	AB213
AB235	AB247
AB249	AB301
AB316	AB333
AB350	AB375
AB429	AB439
AB444	AB478
AB502	AB509
SB28	SB65
SB87	SB116
SB199	SB260
SB273	SB303
SB349	SB358
SB373	SB391

Homelessness

AB220	AB263
AB317	AB397
SB54	SB177

Housing

AB37	AB62
AB68	AB103
AB131	AB211
AB223	AB241
AB280	AB283

Housing, Cont'd

AB341	AB366
AB396	AB447
AB475	AB480
AB540	AJR10
SB51	SB107
SB123	SB166
SB193	SB261
SB289	

Human Services

SB207	SB300
SB484	SCR3

Juvenile Justice

AB89	AB90
AB167	SB140
SB241	

Lake Tahoe

SB83	SB106
SB324	SB402
SB405	SB420
SB426	

Public Safety

AB55	AB168
AB193	AB198
AB211	AB415
AB503	AB550
SB208	SB319
SB457	

Sustainability

AB96	AB256
AB458	AB493
AB528	SB132
SB324	SB405

Tax Policy

AB70	AB77
AB135	AB226
AB238	AB243
AB377	AB447
AB462	AB479
AB528	AJR1
SB196	SB220
SB259	SB392
SB401	SB430

Workforce Development

AB163	AB269
AB483	SB266

Appendix: Summary of Bills of Interest to Washoe County 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature