



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 23, 2022

DATE: Thursday, August 18, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
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THROUGH: Eric P. Brown, Manager, Washoe County

SUBJECT: Discussion and direction to staff regarding up to two (2) Washoe County Bill Draft Requests for the 82nd (2023) session of the Nevada Legislature which will begin on February 6, 2023. Proposed Bill Draft Requests include changes to NRS chapter 111 to allow county recorders to take action proactively to remove discriminatory covenants from recorded documents within their counties, and to NRS chapter 484D to expressly add county snow plow vehicles to the list of emergency and service vehicles allowed to display blue lights while operating. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 218D.205, Washoe County is authorized to submit to up to two (2) bill draft requests (BDRs) for consideration during the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature which begins February 6, 2023. These requests are due to be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1 preceding the regular session.

During the strategic planning session in January 2022, Legislative Relations staff solicited input from County departments and commissioners via the Washoe County online portal. Six items were submitted, and staff is recommending two (2) of the proposals move forward and be prepared Bill Draft Requests by the September deadline:

- Change to NRS 111.273 to redact discriminatory language. This change would provide the authority for a board of county commissioners to be able to pass an ordinance allowing the recorder's office to be able to proactively review certain county records and redact discriminatory covenants.
- Modify NRS 484D.200 to add County vehicles in addition to Department of Transportation vehicles to use and display blue tail lamps to enhance roadway safety.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Innovative Services

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action related to this item

BACKGROUND

The two (2) recommended legislative items would offer commission-supported items of interest. The blue light item on County vehicles supports enhanced public and roadway safety and the redaction of discriminatory language aligns with the commission's actions in February 2022 when Commissioners discussed seeking legislative measures like those that have been implemented successfully in other states, so the covenants are archived but no longer play a future role.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact because of this action.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners direct staff to submit the two recommended legislative items to the Legislative Counsel Bureau to formulate into Washoe County's official Bill Draft Requests which include changes to NRS chapter 111 to allow county recorders to take action proactively to remove discriminatory covenants from recorded documents within their counties, and to NRS chapter 484D to expressly add county snow plow vehicles to the list of emergency and service vehicles allowed to display blue lights while operating.

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to direct staff to submit the recommended items to the Legislative Counsel Bureau to formulate into Washoe County's official Bill Draft Requests which include changes to NRS chapter 111 to allow county recorders to take action proactively to remove discriminatory covenants from recorded documents within their counties, and to NRS chapter 484D to expressly add county snow plow vehicles to the list of emergency and service vehicles allowed to display blue lights while operating.

Attachments