



Update, Discussion and Direction: Bill Draft Requests for the 84th Session (2027) of the Nevada Legislature

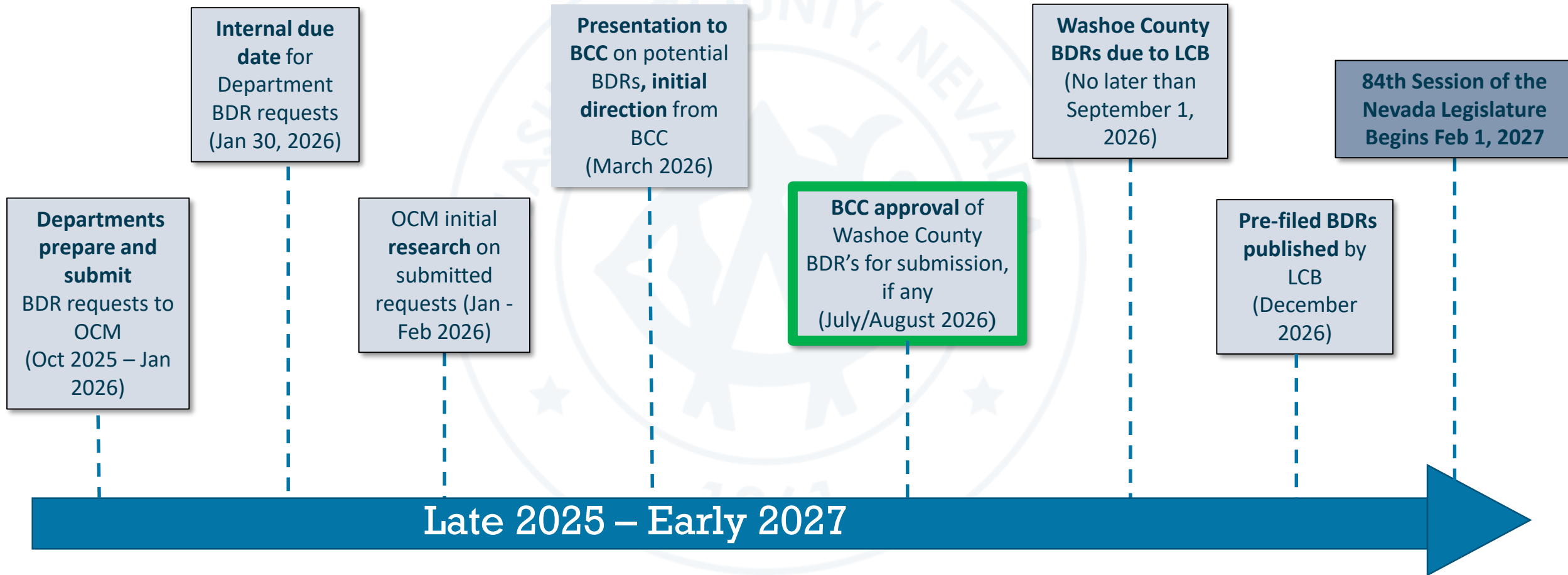
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NRS 218D.2025 authorizes Washoe County to submit up to two requests for the drafting of legislative measures each legislative session.

Legislators, chairs of standing legislative committees, joint interim standing committees, the Governor, the Nevada Association of Counties, and various other persons and entities are authorized to submit BDRs.

Section 17 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada requires that each law enacted by the Legislature embrace only one subject.

Washoe County Bill Draft Request (BDR) Process for 2027 Legislative Session



BDR Considerations



- Alignment with Washoe County Strategic Plan
- Political Feasibility
- Legal Soundness
- Resource Implications
- Opportunity for Collaboration
- Ability/Capacity to Implement

3/17/2026 - Proposal #1



Subject: To require a local government that submits an erroneous billing file to a county treasurer to reimburse the county for any expenses incurred by the county due to the errors contained in the billing file.

3/17/2026 Board Direction: Submit to the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) for consideration as a NACO BDR.

Status update: Awaiting determination from NACO as to whether this item will be submitted as a NACO BDR.

3/17/2026 Proposal #2



Subject: Amend NRS 244A.7645 to allow a maximum of three (3) percent of revenues from a surcharge imposed by a county for enhancement of the telephone system used for reporting emergencies and purchase and maintenance of event recording devices (911 Telephone Surcharge) to be used by the county to pay the costs associated with administration of the surcharge revenues.

3/17/2026 Board Direction: Seek sponsorship from an individual legislator or submit as a Washoe County BDR.

Status update: Based upon feedback from potential bill sponsors and other stakeholders, staff no longer recommends Washoe County pursue this BDR.

3/17/2026 Proposal # 3



Subject: Equity in authority for and distribution of transient lodging tax and surcharge revenues collected in the Washoe County portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin for the purpose of establishing a dedicated funding source for public transit to, from and within the portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin located in Washoe County.

3/17/2026 Board Direction: Submit two recommendations to the Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System.

Status update: Recommendations submitted to committee.

Additional Board Direction and Discussion regarding BDRs



3/17/2026: Continued appropriation of funding for permanent supportive housing.

3/17/2026: Inquire as to whether a bill regarding automatic recounts of elections, similar to AB 287 of the 2025 session is likely to return in the 2027 session.

4/21/2027: Discussion regarding expanding the documents authorized to be filed in the Nevada Lockbox to include estate documents, such as a Last Will and Testament.

6/26/2027: The Board expressed interest in exploring legislative remedies that would allow the County to act more expeditiously to remediate significant pervasive public nuisances, particularly on properties where no known owner(s) could be identified.

Staff Recommendation



- To direct staff to submit as a Washoe County BDR the requirement that a local government that submits an erroneous billing file to a county treasurer to reimburse the county for any expenses incurred by the county due to the errors contained in the billing file, contingent upon NACO not selecting this item as a NACO BDR.
- To rescind prior direction to seek a sponsor or to submit as a Washoe County BDR amendments to NRS 244A.7645 to allow a maximum of three (3) percent of revenues from a surcharge imposed by a county for enhancement of the telephone system used for reporting emergencies and purchase and maintenance of event recording devices (911 Telephone Surcharge) to be used by the county to pay the costs associated with administration of the surcharge revenues.
- To direct staff to continue discussions with the Office of the Secretary of State regarding the types of documents eligible to be filed in the Nevada Lockbox and the entities authorized to access the Nevada Lockbox, and to return to the Board on August 25, 2026, to provide an update on those discussions.
- To direct staff to work directly with Assemblymember Heather Goulding regarding a BDR to allow for local government to expedite abatement of public nuisances under certain circumstances.
- To provide direction on any other BDR topics the Board may have interest in.

Thank you

