



Report on the 36th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature (2025)



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On November 12, 2025, Governor Joe Lombardo issued a [proclamation](#) convening the Nevada Legislature into a special session. In accordance with Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, Governor Lombardo's proclamation set forth the matters to be considered in the Special Session.

The 36th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature ("special session") began on November 13, 2025, and adjourned *Sine Die* on November 19, 2025.

On November 17, 2025, for the first time in Nevada's history, two-thirds of the members of the Nevada Legislature signed a petition to call themselves into special session. The petition setting forth the matters to be considered in this special session included all matters included in Governor Lombardo's November 12, 2025, proclamation, plus one additional topic relating to real property. This additional subject was introduced as Senate Bill 10 in the 36th Special Session.

A total of 27 bills and resolutions were introduced during the special session. The Legislature passed 13 bills during the special session, and Governor Lombardo signed all those bills into law. 10 resolutions were adopted and delivered to the Secretary of State.

Due to the short duration of the special session, there was no opportunity to properly notice and include any of the bills or resolutions introduced during the special session on an agenda of a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for consideration of an official position of the Board. County lobbying staff testified in support of Senate Bill 4, which contained an appropriation of \$7,515,919 to fund the jail-based mental health program at the Washoe County Detention Center through the remainder of the 2025-2027 biennium. County lobbying staff representing the Washoe County District Attorney's Office, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and the Washoe County Public Defender's Office testified as to the position of their respective offices on various bills.

BILLS OF INTERST

The following bills and resolutions introduced during the special session had direct relevancy to Washoe County. Fiscal Impact information is included for those bills that Washoe County submitted a fiscal note to the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

AB1

Final Status: Approved by the Governor
<p>Summary: Provides that a meeting between an agency or officer of the Executive Department of the State Government and the Legislature concerning certain topics relating to cybersecurity is not subject to the Open Meeting Law; prohibits the disclosure of certain information and materials received during or prepared for such a meeting; creates and sets forth the duties of the Security Operations Center within the Office of Information Security and Cyber Defense within the Governor's Technology Office within the Office of the Governor; creates the Account for the Security Operations Center and prescribing the use of money in the Account; requires the Security Operations Center to prepare an annual report that assesses the effectiveness of the Security Operations Center; requiring the Security Operations Center, to the extent funding is available, to develop the Cybersecurity Talent Pipeline Program; revising the purpose of the Governor's Technology Office; authorizes the board of trustees of a school district to use the services and equipment of the Governor's Technology Office; makes various other changes relating to the cybersecurity of governmental entities.</p>
Effective Date: November 18, 2025
<p>Fiscal Impact: No impact. The provisions of this bill pertaining to local governments are enabling rather than mandatory and therefore this measure will have no direct impact on Washoe County.</p>

AB3
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
<p>Summary: Authorizes a public officer to request that certain personal information contained in the records of the Secretary of State, a county or city clerk, county recorder or county assessor be kept confidential; authorizes a candidate or public officer to use campaign contributions to pay for expenses relating to personal security; authorizes a public officer to request that the Department of Motor Vehicles display an alternate address on the person's driver's license, commercial driver's license or identification card.</p>
Effective Date: November 18, 2025
<p>Fiscal Impact: No impact. Washoe County can meet the requirements of this bill utilizing current processes and resources.</p>

AB4
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
<p>Summary: Revises provisions relating to assault, battery, stalking, child sexual abuse material, domestic violence and driving under the influence of alcohol or a prohibited substance; establishes certain unlawful acts relating to certain theft offenses involving property damage; revises provisions relating to offenders; establishes provisions relating to the creation of corridors and the adjudication and reporting of certain offenses committed within such corridors; makes various changes relating to juvenile justice; prohibits the construction of certain findings relating to actions for wrongful conviction; revises provisions relating to the sealing of records and specialty court programs; revises provisions relating to pretrial release; requiring certain facilities that hold persons to maintain and provide certain information relating to persons held at the facility; authorizes the Director of the Department of Corrections to establish an alternative correctional program; prohibits school districts, public schools and their employees from providing certain information and access to school property under certain circumstances; revises provisions relating to opioid use disorder.</p>
Effective Date: January 1, 2025
<p>Fiscal Impact: Cannot be determined. The Washoe County Public Defender's Office estimates that additional case complexity and felony case workload will be created as a result of the provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 7, 13, 25 and 45 of the bill and that such workload and case complexity is likely to require additional staffing. However, because the total number of cases to be charged under these Sections of the bill in any given year is unknown, a reliable estimate of the fiscal impact cannot be determined.</p>

AB6
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
<p>Summary: Revises provisions governing regulation and designation of school zones and school crossing zones; revises provisions relating to signs in school zones and school crossing zones; provides for enhanced penalties for certain traffic violations in active school zones and school crossing zones; prohibits the inclusion of certain information concerning pupils within a directory of pupils; prohibits the provision of certain information concerning pupils to third parties.</p>
Effective Date: July 1, 2026

ACR4
Final Status: Enrolled and delivered to the Secretary of State
Summary: Directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary to conduct a study relating to road safety.
Effective Date: November 16, 2025

ACR5
Final Status: Failed
Summary: Directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs to conduct an interim study on the activities of federal officials engaging in the investigation or enforcement of immigration laws in this State.

SB3
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
Summary: Establishes the Silver State General Assistance Program within the Division of Social Services of the Department of Human Services; sets forth the powers and duties of the Administrator of the Division relating to the Program; creates the Account for the Silver State General Assistance Program; authorizes a transfer to that Account from the unrestricted balance of the State General Fund under certain circumstances.
Effective Date: November 18, 2025

SB4
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
Summary: Makes supplemental appropriations and authorizes the expenditure of money for the support of the civil government of the State for the 2025-2027 biennium; increases the maximum annual salary of the State Chief Information Officer of the Governor's Technology Office within the Office of the Governor; revises the membership of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. Section 6 of the bill appropriates \$15,615,919 from the State General Fund to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Human Services for the provision of a jail-based behavioral

health program. Of these funds, \$7,515,919 is allocated for the program in Washoe County.
Effective Date: Sections 1 to 11, inclusive, 13 to 16, inclusive, and section 17 effective November 29, 2025. Section 12 effective July 1, 2026.
Fiscal Impact: Has Impact. New one-time revenues in the amount of \$7,515,919.

SB5
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
<p>Summary: Creates the Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Program Account and appropriates \$60,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Account; provides for certain transfers of money out of the Account; requires a biennial assessment of the health care needs of this State; establishing the Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Grant Program to award grants of money to fund certain projects to address shortages of providers of health care or clinical services or expertise identified by the assessment; requires a grantee to enter into a funding agreement with the Nevada Health Authority; provides for certain oversight of projects funded through the Program; authorizes the Authority to take certain actions in response to certain changes to a funded project or if a grantee fails to comply with a funding agreement or applicable law; prescribes certain requirements to expedite the credentialing and privileging of providers of health care; revising the circumstances under which a registered pharmacist may possess and administer a dangerous drug for the purposes of administering an immunization; requires the prioritization of certain applications for licensure as a physician or osteopathic physician; requires certain reports of the Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine to include certain information.</p>
<p>Effective Date: Sections 1 to 18, inclusive, 24.5 to 27, inclusive, 37 to 41, inclusive, and section 42 effective November 29, 2025. Sections 19 to 24, inclusive, and 28 to 36, inclusive, effective July 1, 2026.</p>

SB7
Final Status: Approved by the Governor
<p>Summary: Revises provisions governing the circumstances when diseases of the lungs are considered to be an occupational disease for certain police officers, firefighters or arson investigators. Existing law provides for the payment</p>

of compensation for temporary or permanent disability or death for diseases of the lungs caused by exposure to heat, smoke, fumes, tear gas or any other noxious gases, arising out of and in the course of employment for certain firefighters, arson investigators and police officers. Existing law also provides that a disease of the lungs is conclusively presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of employment for firefighters, arson investigators and police officers who have been employed in such a full-time continuous, uninterrupted and salaried occupation for 2 or more years before the date of disablement under certain circumstances. (NRS 617.455) This bill provides that this conclusive presumption for such firefighters, arson investigators and police officers is not conditioned on whether the disease of the lungs was caused by exposure to heat, smoke, fumes, tear gas or any other noxious gas. Further, the bill provides that this conclusive presumption for such firefighters, arson investigators and police officers applies retroactively to claims filed on or before the effective date of the bill.

Effective Date: November 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact: Cannot be determined. Based upon prior claims history, the Washoe County Comptroller's Department initially estimates a total annual increased cost to Washoe County of worker's compensation in the amount of \$2,910,000 for claim expenses and case reserves. The Risk Management Division of Comptroller's Department is consulting with the Washoe County's Third-Party Administrator to more definitively understand the potential fiscal impact of this bill.

SB10

Final Status: Failed

Summary: Limits, with certain exceptions, the total aggregate number of units of residential real property in this State that may be purchased in any 1 calendar year by certain corporate investors; requires, with certain exceptions, certain corporate investors in residential real property in this State to register with the Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of State before purchasing a unit of residential real property; requires the Securities Division to create and maintain a database that tracks the aggregate number of units of residential real property purchased by certain corporate investors; requires certain corporate investors to report to the Secretary of State certain information concerning each purchase of a unit of residential real property; provides that certain purchases of residential real property are void; authorizes the Attorney General to bring certain actions; requiring the Secretary of State to establish requirements for the form and contents of an

instrument that creates a life estate; prohibits a county recorder from recording certain deeds and documents under certain circumstances.

SJR1

Final Status: Enrolled and delivered to the Secretary of State

Summary: Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to enact various requirements relating to the distribution of mail ballots.

The Nevada Constitution requires all elections by the people to be by ballot. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, § 5) The Nevada Constitution further entitles each voter who is a qualified elector and registered to vote to receive and cast a ballot that: (1) is written in a format that allows the clear identification of candidates; and (2) accurately records the voter's preference in the selection of candidates. (Nev. Const. Art. 2, § 1A)

SJR1 proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to: (1) require a county clerk to send to each active registered voter in the county who is eligible to vote in an election a mail ballot; (2) prescribe, with certain exceptions, the time period during which the clerk must send the mail ballot; and (3) require the county clerk to send the mail ballot and certain additional material by certain means. SJR1 further amends the Nevada Constitution to authorize a person to elect to not receive a mail ballot by submitting certain notice to the county clerk.

Existing law requires county clerks, for a primary election or general election, to establish a certain number of polling places for early voting by personal appearance and for voting in person on the day of the election. (NRS 293.2731, 293.3575) This joint resolution proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require any polling place that is used for early voting by personal appearance or for voting in person on the day of the election to accept the submission of mail ballots by voters while voting in person occurs. SJR1 additionally proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require, during the 3 days immediately preceding any primary election or general election, each county clerk to establish a certain number of sites at which voters may return mail ballots. These sites must be available for at least 8 hours each day and located at a polling place that is used for early voting by personal appearance or voting in person on the day of the election. Finally, SJR1 amends the Nevada Constitution to authorize: (1) the Legislature to

provide by law for increasing the required number of such sites; and (2) a county clerk to establish any additional number of such sites.

This Joint Resolution will be returned for consideration a second time during the next session of the Nevada Legislature. If the Joint Resolution passes again in the next session of the Nevada Legislature it will be placed on the ballot for voter approval in 2028.

Effective Date: November 21, 2025