CITY OF RENO

Memorandum

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Summary of the 36th (2025) Special Session of the Nevada Legislature

The Nevada Legislature ended the 36th special legislative session on November 19. Governor Joe Lombardo issued a proclamation calling for the 36th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature the week earlier. The proclamation included seven returning bills, five new topics for consideration, and fourteen appropriation requests.

In accordance with the Nevada Constitution, the Legislature is prohibited from considering, passing, or introducing any bills except those relating to the business included in the governor's initial proclamation. However, voters amended the Nevada Constitution in 2012 to allow for the Legislature to call itself into a special session with a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of both chambers. In accordance with the provision, for the first time in Nevada history, the Legislature called itself into special session to consider an additional measure related to corporate home ownership.

Over the course of the special session, the government affairs team monitored the impact of proposed legislation. A summary of legislation with direct and indirect impacts on the City of Reno is provided below. The status for each bill reflects the status as of November 20, 2025 at 5 p.m. based on information available on the Nevada Secretary of State's Office website.

Assembly Bill 1: State Cybersecurity Infrastructure

Status: Enacted

The bill revises provisions related to the chief information officer within the Office of the Governor, establishes annual reports for a state security operations center, and establishes a cybersecurity professionals workforce pipeline.

The government affairs team worked with the State's chief information officer to amend the bill to provide additional flexibility for local governments to withdraw from the state's security operations center (SOC) if they were to ever join the system via agreement.

Assembly Bill 3: Confidential Public Officer Information

Status: Enacted

This bill allows any public officer to request certain records be kept confidential by various government agencies and employees, including city and county clerks. This measure mirrors existing protections in place for elections officials and peace officers. Public officers are defined as persons whose positions are enumerated in statute, charter, or ordinance.

Assembly Bill 4: Safe Streets & Neighborhoods Act

Status: Passed, awaiting the governor's signature or veto

Assembly Bill 4 is a comprehensive public safety bill that enhances penalties for crimes such as assault, battery, stalking, and theft involving property damage, while also expanding protections for certain workers and victims. It establishes new correctional and diversion programs, modifies juvenile justice procedures, restricts law enforcement access to school data without court orders, and includes appropriations to support implementation across state and local agencies.

Assembly Bill 5: Nevada Studio Infrastructure Jobs & Workforce Training Act

Status: Died, failed to receive necessary votes to pass out of the Senate

This bill aimed to establish a system for providing film infrastructure tax credits to production companies at the Summerlin Production Studios Project. It also proposed creating a special fund to support education and vocational training programs in film, media, and related technologies.

Assembly Bill 6: School Zone Traffic Safety

Status: Passed, awaiting the governor's signature or veto

This bill, brought forward by Clark County and the Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety, provides additional authority to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and local jurisdictions to regulate the speed limit, time, and placement of school zones and school crossing zones.

The government affairs team worked with Clark County to amend the bill to ensure it clearly distinguishes when the local governing body versus NDOT has jurisdiction to designate school zones and school crossing zones.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 4: Traffic Safety Study

Status: Enacted

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 4 directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary to conduct a study on road safety as it relates to the powers of local governments to regulate traffic violations for electric bicycles, electric motorcycles, and electric scooters.

Senate Bill 3: Silver State Supportive General Assistance Program

Status: Enacted

This proposal creates and defines the Silver State Supportive General Assistance Program within the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services to mitigate future federal shutdown impacts on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) on Nevada residents.

Senate Bill 4: Miscellaneous Appropriations

Status: Passed, awaiting the governor's signature or veto

This bill includes various appropriations for projects across the state. These appropriations allocate funding for the following services and projects pertinent to Washoe County:

- Jail-based behavioral health programs in Washoe County - $7,519,919
- Equipment for the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory at the University of Nevada, Reno - $7,630,000
- Costs of stipends for public defenders, rural judges, and certain district attorneys and other costs of the Department of Indigent Services related to compliance with the *Davis* Stipulated Consent Judgment - $3,000,000
- Increases to the state portion of funding to provide for the administration of the SNAP as required by the federal "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" - $20,679,220
- Capital improvement funding for a new University of Nevada, Reno Life Sciences Building - $68,500,000

Senate Bill 7: Conclusive Presumption of Occupational Diseases

Status: Passed, awaiting the governor's signature or veto

This bill amends state law to conclusively presume that any disease of the lung is to have arisen out of and in the course of the employment of a person who has been employed in a full-time continuous status as a police office, firefighter, or arson investigator for two years or more. The bill updates existing state law to say that the conclusive presumption is no longer conditioned on whether the disease of the lungs was caused by exposure to heat, smoke, fumes, tear gas or any other noxious gas. The bill would also apply retroactively to workers' compensation claims filed on or before the effective date of passage.

Senate Bill 10: Corporate Home Buyer Limitations

Status: Died, failed to receive necessary votes in the Assembly

Senate Bill 10 limits the total number of residential real estate units that corporations, LLCs, and investment vehicles combined can purchase in Nevada to 1,000 units per calendar year and

requires them to register with the Secretary of State and report each transaction. It also establishes enforcement mechanisms, including voiding unlawful purchases, restricting deed recordings without proper registration, and empowering the Attorney General to take legal action against violators.

Senate Joint Resolution 1: **Mail-In Ballot Constitution Amendment**

Status: Pending future actions

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes an amendment to the Nevada Constitution that would require county clerks to send mail ballots to all active registered voters, with specific mailing timelines and opt-out provisions. The amendment also mandates that polling places accept mail ballot submissions during in-person voting and requires counties to establish designated ballot return sites in the days leading up to elections. For the amendment to be added to the Nevada Constitution, it will require a subsequent affirmative vote at the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature and would be sent for final approval by voters in the 2028 general election.