CITY OF RENO

Memorandum

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TO: Mayor and City Council

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

On Tuesday, November 12, 2025, Governor Joe Lombardo issued a proclamation calling for the 36th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature to convene at 10:00 a.m. on November 13, 2025. The proclamation includes 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 initial proclamation. Special sessions may last no longer than 20 calendar days.

While the full text for many of these topics is not yet available, the government affairs team will be actively monitoring them throughout the special session, engaging in conversations about the impact of the proposals, and looking for opportunities that align with the City's strategic priorities and Council-adopted legislative platform.

A summary of the returning 82nd and 83rd regular session bills, additional topics, and a list of specific appropriations included in the proclamation can be found below. Additional information is included for bills of particular interest to the City.

Returning Legislation

Senate Bill 194 (1st Reprint): Concerning insurance requirements for short-term vehicle leases.

Senate Bill 434 (3rd Reprint): Establishing the Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Grant Program to address provider shortages across Nevada.

This bill seeks to create the Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Grant Program to fund projects that address shortages of health care providers and services identified through a biennial statewide needs assessment. It establishes a dedicated account for the program, includes oversight mechanisms, and authorizes financial transfers to maximize federal Medicaid participation.

Senate Bill 457 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions related to public safety, juvenile justice, pretrial release, and opioid use disorder.

This bill is expected to be substantially similar to the second reprint of Senate Bill 457 (2025), the amended version of the governor's public safety omnibus bill which died in the final minutes of the regular session. The previous bill aims to enhance penalties for assault, battery, stalking, domestic violence, and DUI, while expanding firearm relinquishment procedures and criminalizing certain theft-related property damage. Additionally, it reforms juvenile justice, pretrial release, record sealing, and opioid use disorder treatment, with new provisions for offenses in designated "corridors."

Assembly Bill 238 (2nd Reprint): Enacting the Nevada Studio Infrastructure Jobs and Workforce Training Act to promote motion picture and media production in the state.

This bill aims 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. The bill passed through the Assembly but failed to receive a vote in the Senate.

Assembly Bill 404 (2nd Reprint): Revises laws governing the sale and regulation of alcoholic beverages.

Assembly Bill 600 (As Introduced): Clarifying provisions related to legislative property, publication procedures, and statutory organization.

Senate Bill 450 (1st Reprint, 82nd Session): Continuing relocation efforts for residents of Windsor Park in North Las Vegas.

A newer version of this bill passed both chambers of the legislature, but the Senate failed to concur changes made by the Assembly prior to adjournment of the regular session. Windsor Park is a neighborhood in North Las Vegas. Senate Bill 393 (2025) seeks to update eligibility criteria for residents and descendants of former residents in the neighborhood to participate in a relocation and property exchange program due to land settling.

Other Topics

Cybersecurity: 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.

Supportive Services: This proposal seeks to create and define the Silver State Supportive General Assistance Program within the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

Traffic Safety: This proposal, separate from the public safety omnibus, is likely to include provisions to strengthen local discretion over school zones, provide for increased penalties in school zones and schools crossing zones, and strengthen DUI penalties in school zones.

Elections: This proposal seeks to make changes to campaign expenses for personal security and adds "public officers" to the list of people authorized to request their personal information be kept confidential.

Compensation & Wages: This topic seeks to align Nevada Revised Statutes with the Code of Federal Regulations as it relates to compensation, wages, and hours.

Appropriations

In addition to the returning bills and new topics to be addressed by the legislature, the governor's proclamation includes the following requests for appropriations:

1. 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.
2. For jail-based behavioral health programs consistent with those enumerated in Senate Bill 281 (2025).
3. To replenish the Interim Finance Committee (IFC) Contingency Account for the provision of three wildland fire trucks.
4. Continued funding for certain positions in the Office of Nevada Boards, Commissions, and Councils Standards.
5. To replenish the Disaster Relief Account and the IFC Contingency Account.
6. For analytical technology software to review Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseload each month.
7. To address a projected shortfall related to SNAP administrative cost-sharing between the state and federal government due to the passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill."
8. For costs associated with the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.
9. For the costs of equipment for the State Medical Lab at the University of Nevada, Reno.
10. For the provision of portable medical care stations for use by the Nevada Department of Corrections.
11. To compensate brokers to enroll individuals in the Nevada public (healthcare) option.
12. To the Nevada Health Authority to assist certain community-based organizations to provide education and enrollment assistance related to Nevada Medicaid.

13. For general obligation bonds to be used for the construction of the University of Nevada, Reno's new life sciences building.
14. For an adjustment to the maximum salary of the State Chief Information Officer.