



Nevada Chapter AGC Your Eye on the Legislature

Week 10

Week 10 of the legislature was frantic with the passage of the latest deadline on Friday, April 12. Bills had to be heard and passed out of committee by this deadline, which meant lots of hearings and work sessions to get bills processed. As you are aware, the legislature is considering a number of bills of interest to our membership. Several were heard for the first time this week; among them were AB421, the construction defects bill; AB179, which clarified when CMAR can be used in counties with fewer than 100,000 people; and SB180 that adds tools for keeping IT contractors accountable for successful completion of large public contracts for computer programming.

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Regretfully, the bill for construction defects, AB421, appears to be moving forward. It was amended to address some of the concerns raised at the hearing, but there is still more work to do before we can remove our opposition. We would like to thank our members who came to Carson City to oppose the measure. We appreciate your efforts to support us at the legislature!

AB179, introduced on our behalf of by Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, was heard on Thursday, April 11. AGC CEO Craig Madole assisted in presenting the bill. This bill clarifies the instances in which CMAR can be used by rural counties and ensures that the intent of the law is followed. While there was little opposition to the measure, it failed to be passed out of committee and is no longer being considered.

SB180 was a group effort between the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the AGC. AGC originally intended to require performance bonds on IT contracts over \$10 million. After meeting with DMV and DPS, however, we all agreed that adding different options would be better for the state while still protecting the taxpayer from unfulfilled contracts. The bill passed out of committee with our proposed amendments and will now be brought for consideration by the full senate.

AB462, the bill originally intended to place a moratorium on new charter schools, has been amended to remove that provision. There was too much opposition to the moratorium so now the bill simply contains requirements for a growth management plan and reporting requirements for charter schools.

The bill requiring a minimum number of apprenticeship hours on public works, SB207, passed out of committee. The bill was amended significantly from the original but remains problematic. We will continue to work with the sponsor and stakeholders to find a solution every party can live with.

Unfortunately, AB401, a measure that would have generated additional Highway Fund revenue, was not processed out of committee as we had hoped. We could not overcome the concerns of legislators who felt moving to a vehicle miles traveled system for funding our highways was premature. There is still a possibility that the language can be amended into another bill or be reintroduced as an 'emergency measure' so we will keep working with all stakeholders. It ain't over till it's over!

The next deadline is fast approaching; bills must be passed out of their house of origin by April 23 or they will no longer be considered. While the deadlines make for hectic schedules, they also cull the list and mark milestones throughout the session as we count down to June 3.
