



Nevada Chapter AGC Your Eye on the Legislature

Week 11

There are only 43 days left in 2019 Legislature! (....not that we're counting.)

Tomorrow, April 23, is the deadline by which bills must pass out of their house of origin to be considered any further. As we watched over 60 bills we were tracking die for failure to meet the last deadline, we are expecting several to meet the same fate by midnight tomorrow. There is a lot of 'hurry up and wait' with this deadline while we await the final language of many of the bills we are tracking.

As bills are heard and processed out of committee, they can be amended. Amendments usually are a way to clarify intent or clean-up original language, but sometimes they are a way to sneak language into bills while no one is watching. This makes it all the more important to read everything that is considered and passed. Complicating matters, what is sometimes discussed in committees is just conceptual language without anyone knowing what it will look like on paper. It is not until the final amendment is adopted on the floor that the language becomes 'official'.

AGC Activity

SB340, which requires truck drivers delivering construction materials within 100 miles of public works construction sites, barely made it out of committee last week. AGC has significant concerns with this bill as the reporting and tracking of every driver on a public works job site will be cumbersome and costly to the contractor and public owner, which, of course, means the tax payer bears that increased cost.

SB207, the bill requiring a minimum number of apprentices on public works projects, was amended and passed out of the Senate on Friday. AGC is working with stakeholders to find compromise language since we expect, with the new dynamics in the Capitol, this bill will pass and be signed by the governor. It is our priority to protect all of our members and ensure their ability to comply.

Notable Bills that Have Made it out of the First House:

AB25 & AB 26 are bills requested by the Nevada State Contractors' Board. AB 25 cleans up existing language and makes changes to the issuance and renewals of contractors' licenses. AB26 increases the amount of money a homeowner can receive from the recovery fund from \$35,000 to \$40,000 for situations where the Contractor's Board has determined the contractor caused damages by failing to properly perform the work they were contracted to do.

SB181, introduced by Senator Settlemeyer, would require DMV to issue special license plates to vehicles wholly powered by an electric motor. The fees for these special license plates and renewal fee would, after covering the administrative cost, and be added to the Nevada Highway Fund on a quarterly basis.

In other news:

On April 22, 1952, the first nuclear explosion seen on networks news was detonated in
Nob, NV.

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