



# Nevada Chapter AGC Your Eye on the Legislature

Week 14

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Only 22 days left and counting.....

As we begin week 15, of the Legislative Session the fate of many bills will be decided by the money committees as they work to balance the budget. However, bills that do not impact the state budget, must be passed out of the second house committee by May 17<sup>th</sup> or they will no longer be eligible for consideration.

In the week since the Economic Forum Report was released, many bills have been amended to reduce or eliminate any appropriation, as lawmakers are trying to find ways to prevent their bills from dying under the weight of a fiscal note. We are also monitoring how the introduction of the new the education funding formula will impact the state and local budgets. The Democrats have prioritized revamping the 50-year old formula to address the needs of today's educational system and students. The proposal creates a State Education Fund and a weighted formula that direct extra dollars to students with unique needs. We will keep you apprised as we have time to fully analyze the impact the proposal may have on our members and/or ACE High School.

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## Update:

Since our last newsletter, the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) issued an opinion that the Modified Business Tax sunset could be extended with a simple majority. The Governor included the extension of the payroll tax in his \$8.8 billion budget, but it was unclear if the extension would be considered a tax increase, and therefore require a 2/3 majority. With the LCB opinion, the Democrats will not need any Republicans to vote with them to fund the Governor's budget.

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## AGC Activity

AGC CEO, Craig Madole, testified opposition to AB136 last week, as it adds a requirement for charter schools to pay the prevailing wage on facility improvements and maintenance. The bill will likely not be amended to allow for an exemption, but AGC will continue to advocate for fair policy, and it is the position of the AGC that if private funds are used by charter schools for their facilities, they should not be required to pay prevailing wage.

AGC's Government Affairs Intern, Eduardo Martinez, testified in support of AB320. This bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Carrillo, would lower the registration fee for overweight vehicles, but would require that each registration be specific to a vehicle. This bill will create consistency in the application of the law.

Alexis Motarex, AGC Government Affairs Manager, testified in support of AB353, SB48 and AB240. AB353 is an electronic waste bill sponsored by Assemblywoman Swank on behalf of the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection. AGC was successful in exempting construction and demolition waste from the requirements of the bill. SB48, sponsored by the Nevada Association of Counties would allow a 2/3 vote of county commissioners or a simple majority of residents in counties of 100,000 or less to impose a 5-cent diesel tax for road projects. And finally, AB240, introduced by Assemblyman Daly would require Carson City, Lyon, Storey, Douglas and Washoe Counties to meet and

jointly prepare reports on the management of growth in the region.

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