



Nevada Chapter AGC Your Eye on the Legislature

Week 15

Just 2 weeks left!

Last Friday represented another deadline by which bills had to pass out of the committees in the second house. 39 measures died, but hundreds still remain with only 15 days to process them. Both houses have now suspended many of the rules of the legislature, including the rule that required a 24-hour waiting period before a bill could be passed out of committee. Bills can now be heard and voted out of committee on the same day. This can expedite the process but can also limit the ability to make changes if necessary.

Of Note...

SB543, the much-anticipated education funding bill was introduced last week. The bill would overhaul the 50-year-old K-12 education funding formula the state has used to distribute money to school districts in the state. The proposal would consolidate the 80-plus state and local revenue sources that fund education into a single pot. The amount in the pot would be used to establish the base funding amount that will be applied to all students. There will also be a weighted formula that provides extra funding for students with special needs such as English language learners, students from low-income families, and gifted and talented students. The bill will be heard on Tuesday, May 21, at a joint Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means committee meeting.

AGC Activity

Last Wednesday, AGC Government Affairs Manager, Alexis Motarex, testified in opposition to AB421, the construction defects bill. While we have worked with the sponsors and industry partners to successfully amend portions of the bill, there are still some areas of concern, most notably the ability for HOA class action lawsuits. The bill passed out of committee, but stakeholders are hopeful that a compromise can be reached, and the bill can be amended before it passes out to the Assembly.

Notable Bills Signed by the Governor Last Week

AB27 and AB29, both introduced on behalf of the Nevada State Contractor's Board, were signed into law last week. AB27 revises penalties for contractors either practicing without a license or outside of their scope. AB29 revises provisions allowing B licensed contractors to contract with each other under certain circumstances.

On This Day in History:

On this day in 1873, San Francisco businessman Levi Strauss and Reno, Nevada, tailor Jacob Davis were given a patent to create work pants reinforced with metal rivets, marking the birth of one of the world's most famous garments: blue jeans.

(Source: History.com)

