



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE WEEKLY UPDATE FROM:
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THE SOUTHERN NEVADA CONFERENCE OF POLICE SHERIFFS' AND
THE COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF NEVADA LOBBYISTS.**

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The 78th Nevada Legislature opened this week in Carson City. Our coalition of lobbyists – Chris Collins and Mike Ramirez representing, LVPPA/SNCOPS/CLEAN, Tim Ross representing WCSDA/PORAN/CLEAN and Ron Dreher representing PORAN/CLEAN started the week off by making introductions to many of the legislatures and immediately voicing our concerns over what appears to be a major move on certain legislators part to destroy or significantly reduce our collective bargaining rights, our PERS and our workers compensation benefits.

The main legislators that are attacking our compensation and benefits are Assemblyman Randy Kirner (See AB 3) and Assemblywoman Robin Titus (See AB 109). Both have bills to take away our benefits.

We lobbied our senators on the “body camera” bill (SB 111) focusing our discussions on the economic impact to outfit local government peace officers in counties having more than 400 law enforcement officers. This bill has not been scheduled for a hearing as yet.

Most of you probably heard about the gun bill (AB 2) which would allow CCW permittees to place their weapons in secure locked containers after they make notifications to the school principal or the president of the university system and other places. This bill is very controversial but I suspect some version of this bill will in fact get passed.

Surfacing yesterday was AB 54. This unique bill would allow the Department of Taxation to eliminate collective bargaining if there was a declared fiscal emergency as determined under NRS 354.695. Support for this legislation came today at the Local Government Finance Committee meeting in Carson City. We did advise the committee of our concerns over this legislation and how it appeared to obviously discriminate against local government employees versus other contracts that local governments had with businesses that were not being suspended

in a fiscal emergency. Another aspect was what part of the collective bargaining agreement would be suspended? This is terrible legislation and obviously another attack on public employees.

Tina Leiss, Executive Officer from Nevada PERS gave a superb PERS budget presentation to the Senate Finance Committee yesterday morning. There is not going to be any increase in the police/fire contribution rates for the next two years. She also advised that PERS has 34 billion dollars in there fund.

The Assembly Ways and Means committee will hear Tina again on Monday, February 9 at 0800 hours. The link to this meeting is:

<https://leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Agendas/Assembly/WM/final/139.pdf?1326775806>

If you would like to watch the committee hearing here is the link:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Calendar/A/>

We will be requesting all of you to do your part to preserve our benefits by voicing your individual comments to your legislators. We will provide talking/bullet points and e-mail/phone/twitter/etc addresses in the near future.

A special thank you to Ron Dreher for this update.

Stay tuned for future updates in your personal emails. If you have not sent me your personal email address please do so. I will also post periodic updates on our Facebook page.

Thank you,

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