



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE WEEKLY UPDATE FROM:
THE PEACE OFFICERS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION NEVADA,
LAS VEGAS POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION,
THE SOUTHERN NEVADA CONFERENCE OF POLICE SHERIFFS' AND
THE COMBINED LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS OF NEVADA LOBBYISTS.**

WEEK 10 UPDATE FOR ALL COPIED: April 11, 2015

First and foremost please mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 15 at 8:00 a.m. [AB190](#) – [Assemblyman Kirner's](#) anti PERS bill is scheduled to be heard in Assembly Ways and Means. We **NEED** to fill the rooms both in Carson City and in Las Vegas. Here is information that I received from the Retired Public Employees Network (RPEN) that outlines the Bill and what we need you all to do if you can or cannot attend this important hearing:

INFORMATION FROM RPEN - LEGISLATIVE ALERT

[Assembly Bill 190](#), which would establish a hybrid retirement system for new hires along with other provisions, is on the agenda for the [Assembly Ways and Means Committee](#) on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 3137 of the State Legislature in Carson City and video conferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV.

[AB190](#) was first heard in the [Assembly Government Affairs Committee](#) on March 3, 2015. There were two overflow rooms needed in Carson City to accommodate the large number of retirees as well as active public employees. In all, there were an estimated 450-500 people that turned out, most of them in opposition to the bill. The bill was on the committee work session on March 11, sent to the Assembly Floor with NO recommendation and re-referred to the [Ways and Means Committee](#). Because the bill has an \$800 million fiscal note, it is exempt from any deadlines. RPEN is on record in strong opposition to [Assembly Bill 190](#) and will oppose the bill again in the Ways and Means committee.

Agenda Link: (The bill is listed on the second page of the agenda)

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Agendas/Assembly/WM/Final/861.pdf>

[AB190](#) Link:

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Reports/history.cfm?ID=428>

Just a few of the reasons RPEN (AND ALL OF OUR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COALITIONS) opposes the bill are because it could weaken the current pension system by creating a two tier system containing a defined contribution component, also there could be significant costs to changing the current system.

We hope those of you that can, will attend the hearing either in Carson City or Las Vegas. It is very important for the committee to see concerned retirees and PERS members in the audience. We are not asking that you testify on the bill. RPEN and others will be offering testimony.

If you have not shared your opinion on the legislative website, we encourage you to do so. “[Share your Opinion](#)” by clicking on the link. Select the bill number you wish (you do not have to know the bill name) and you can indicate if you are “for” or “against” a bill and you can also add comments as well as mention that you are a voter and who your Assembly and Senate representatives are. You can email or call the RPEN State Office (775-882-7832) if you do not know who your representatives are. Your name, address and other personal information will not be published. As of today there are a total of 3,958 votes on the bill, with 3,912 votes *AGAINST* the bill and 46 *FOR* the bill.

If you are unable to attend in person you can watch the meeting online by clicking on the link below on the day of the meeting and click on “View” next to the meeting. You can also contact members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee by email or phone to express your opposition to Assembly Bill 190.

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

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Also scheduled on Wednesday, April 15, at 1:30 in, [Assembly Commerce and Labor](#) are two anti-collective bargaining bills that have passed out of the Senate. They are [SB158](#) and [SB168](#). I am enclosing the Assembly Commerce and Labor committee members for you all to contact them and send them a message to oppose the bills.

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[Victoria Seaman](#) - Vice Chair

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THIS PAST WEEK IN REVIEW:

[SB406](#)- by [Senator Roberson's](#) PERS bill was passed out of the Senate Government Affairs committee on Friday (April 10, 2015) with amendments. This is not a hybrid bill and impacts only employees hired after July 1, 2015. It reduces the multiplier for regular employees from 2.5% per year to 2.25% per year. It will require 33 1/3 years to reach 75% upon retirement. It increases the retirement age and does not allow PERS purchased time to count as years worked. For police/fire it retained the 2.5% multiplier but included the inability to use purchased time to count as years worked. It also included charging the judicial employees (judges) and legislators in this bill. It restricts the amount one can make in retirement to \$150K per year. It also eliminates felons convicted of specified crimes from being able to collect retirement benefits. We took a neutral position on this bill.

[AB312](#) – by [Assemblyman Trowbridge](#) – PERS, was passed out of committee Friday with amendments. This bill makes changes for employees hired after July 1, 2015. It would have the average of their high 5 years instead of their high 3 years to be calculated for the amounts they receive in retirement. The amended bill removed the previous retirement age from social security (currently 66 years of age) for an unreduced benefit. We are still opposed to bill.

[SB241](#)–Collective Bargaining Bill by [Senator Roberson](#). This bill was heard in [Senate Government Affairs](#) on Monday and passed out of that committee on Friday, April 10, 2015 with several important amendments. The original bill eliminated School principals and assistant principals from collective bargaining. After much lobbying the amended bill kept the principals and assistance principals in collective bargaining but changes their probationary status.

The other amended portions allowed for association/union release time to be paid for specifically by the association or union or to negotiate the release time benefit. Another amended portion was the redefining of the Evergreen Clause. A collective bargaining agreement containing an Evergreen Clause will mean that the contract remains status quo until a successor agreement is approved. We are neutral on this bill.

[AB182](#) – Collective Bargaining bill (CBA) – By [Assemblyman Kirner](#)

[AB249](#) - CBA bill by [Assemblyman Wheeler](#)

[AB280](#) – CBA bill by [Assemblyman Nelson](#)

[SB158](#) – CBA bill by [Senate Government Affairs](#)

[SB168](#) – CBA bill by [Senate Government Affairs](#)

All of the above bills have passed out of committee and will now be sent to the other house – Assembly to Senate and vice versa. **WE ARE OPPOSED TO ALL OF THESE BILLS.**

[AB182](#) was amended this past week and basically destroys collective bargaining as we know it. It originally excluded school teachers/principals/assistant principals. They amendment now included all. The amendment however, now excluded public attorney both civil and criminal. It excludes association/union release time from being negotiated; it allows due deductions as long as a member can opt out at will. It eliminates Evergreen clauses; It provides for binding fact finding for all local government employees so long as the employer wants to agree to binding fact finding. It allows the employer to restrict 25% of its ending general fund balance from being used in negotiations. And of course there is more!

[AB280](#) – This bill will only allow you to negotiate a master or successor agreement if the employer finds you worthy (my words – not the bills). However it might as well say that. If the employer doesn't want to negotiate they don't have to. On Friday, April 10, 2015, Assembly Wheeler attempted to divide all of us by exempting police officers from this bill.

[AB249](#), [SB158](#) and [SB168](#) are all anti-collective bargaining bills. As I previously mentioned [SB158](#) and [SB168](#) are scheduled to be heard this coming Wednesday, April 15 at 1:30 in [Assembly Commerce and Labor](#).

WE HAVE 51 DAYS LEFT OF THE LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED 120 DAY SESSION.

Have a great week!

On behalf of our coalition,

Ron Dreher, Rusty McAllister, Tim Ross, Ryan Beaman, Marlene Lockard, Scott Edwards, Mike Ramirez, Marty Bibb, Stephen Augspurger, Lonnie Shields, Stan Olsen, Jason Soto, Pat Sanderson, Priscilla Maloney, Kevin Ranft, Fran Almaraz, Carla Fells, Alyson Kendrick, Michelle Russell, Sean Giurlani, and the entire Nevada labor movement.

Below is the e-mail I sent for your reference. Feel free to copy and or adjust to fit your position.

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