



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE WEEKLY UPDATE FROM:
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16 days to go in the 78th Nevada legislative session! June 1 is two weeks away!

As reported last week the following bills went to “work session”: Collective bargaining – [SB241](#) – Senator Roberson (and supported by PORAN, PFFN, LVPPA, LVPOA, WCSDA & SNCOPS), [SB168](#) – [Senate Government Affairs Bills](#) (Opposed by our coalition), Workers Compensation Bills - [SB153](#), [Senate Commerce and Labor](#) (Supported by our coalition), [SB231](#) and [SB232](#), [Senate Commerce and Labor](#) (Neutral by our coalition), PERS – [AB312](#) – [Assemblyman Trowbridge](#) (Opposed by our coalition), [AB363](#) – [Assemblywoman Diaz](#) (Supported by our coalition). Most, if not all of these bills, are due to go to work session this coming week.

These bills were heard - [SB406](#) – PERS – [Senator Roberson](#) (Supported by PORAN, PFFN, LVPPA, LVPOA, LVPOA, WCSDA, WSPA, SNCOPS, WCPAA), [SB12](#)- PERS – [Committee on Government Affairs](#) (Supported by our Coalition). [SB168](#) – [Senate Government Affairs Bills](#) – [Senator Settlemeyer](#) and [Senator Goicoechea](#) (Collective Bargaining) (Opposed by our coalition). [AB312](#) – PERS – [Assemblyman Trowbridge](#). These bills, after being heard, were immediately scheduled for a work session and passed out of their committees yesterday. [AB54](#) (Local Government Finance Committee) fiscal emergency by local governments, was also heard and passed out of [Senate Government Affairs](#) (Our Coalition supported this legislation).

[SB406](#) – PERS was amended to allow for survivors of public employees killed in the line of duty to receive increased compensation beginning June 1, 2013.

[Assemblyman Kirner](#) attempted to amend [SB12](#) by placing the “dead” [AB3](#) bill which would have put two oversight, non-PERS, individuals on the PERS Board. After a great deal of lobbying on the part of our coalition – specifically Rusty McAllister, [Assemblyman Kirner](#) withdrew the amendment and [SB12](#) was voted out of the committee.

[SB168](#) – is a collective bargaining bill that allows local governments to reopen collective bargaining agreements during a fiscal emergency. The bill states that “a budgeted ending fund balance of not more than 25% of the total budgeted expenditures, less capital outlay, for a general or special revenue fund combined that receives revenue from property taxes or the Local Government Tax Distribution Account: (a) Is not subject to negotiations with an employee organization; and (b) Must not be considered by a fact finder or arbitrator in determining the financial ability of the local government to pay compensation or monetary benefits.” This means that it restricts the amount of monies available for negotiations. The current amount not available is limited to 8.3%. The bill increases the amount local governments can restrict to 25%. Our coalition believed that we had a pretty good shot at amending this bill while it was in the Senate. Unfortunately, the large amount of lobbying by Rusty McAllister this past week fell on deaf ears as the bill passed out of [Assembly Commerce and Labor](#) yesterday. We are still hoping that our amendment is clarified on the Assembly floor. Our amendment would utilize the definition of a fiscal emergency as defined by Local Government Finance Committee and would require their overview if the local government claimed a financial emergency. The LGFC’s overview would ensure that the local government did not hide monies as they normally do. Our other amendment would reduce the ending fund balance amount to 16.67% from 25%.

[AB312](#) – PERS increases the amount of years for PERS retirement calculation from 3 to 5 consecutive years. (Our Coalition has opposed this legislation as well).

So...at this point the Assembly and Senate are fast tracking all of the bills that have passed out of their committees back to the entire house to see if they can get the bills passed out by next Friday – May 22, 2015. If those “non-exempt” bills do not get passed out of their House then the bills die – also known as “indefinitely postponed.”

FYI - Work session means that the committees debate the bill and vote to pass or reject the bill. Testimony is not taken unless requested by the committee.

All committee bills that are not exempt must pass out of the committees this Friday, May 15, 2015. All bills, again except exempt bills, must pass out of the next house by Friday, May 22, 2015.

Today, Saturday, May 16, 2015, both Assembly and Senate have hearings. The joint committee on Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means began meeting at 8:00 a.m. to hopefully hear and close the budget on many education funding measures – The distributive school account (DSA) and others. Beginning at 2:00 this afternoon the Senate floor session will convene and hear 9 pages of bills. So far, none of our bills have been scheduled to be debated.

Here is a list of bills that are exempt and are currently in [Assembly Ways and Means](#): Collective Bargaining - [AB182](#) – [Assemblyman Kirner](#), [AB280](#) [Assemblyman Nelson](#), [AB249](#), [Assemblyman Wheeler](#), PERS – [AB190](#), [Assemblyman Kirner](#). We do not expect these bills to be brought up this weekend as they are exempt and are not subject to the May 22, 2015 deadline.

Of course as you all know we are working very hard to ensure that [AB182](#), [AB190](#), [AB249](#), [AB280](#) die. These bills will surface in the next two weeks.

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