



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE WEEKLY UPDATE FROM:
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What a week this was and still is! This coming Monday May 26, - [AB249](#) (Collective bargaining bill - sponsored by [Assemblyman Wheeler](#) and [AB464](#) the Assembly tax plan are scheduled for hearings in [Assembly Ways and Means](#) - [AB249](#) at 0800 hours and [AB464](#) at 2:00 p.m.

[AB249](#) is the sister bill to [SB168](#) - This past week [Rusty McAllister](#) met with [Senator Settlemeyer](#) in an effort to amend this bill - [SB168](#) [Senator Settlemeyer](#) tied this bill to the UBER bill and basically stated if the Assembly would pass UBER then he was open for amendments to [SB168](#). [SB168](#) had three provisions related to collective bargaining that really hurt labor - First there was no oversight on what and when a "fiscal emergency existed" which could allow management to open a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) during the term of the agreement if certain conditions were met. The second part dealt with the percentage amounts the local governments must have available. Thirdly, this bill would increase the amount the local government could restrict us from using in bargaining allowing the local governments to basically keep at ending fund balance of 25%. This was an increase from 8.3% to 25%. - Pretty ridiculous.

OK.....so yesterday - Friday - several of us were asked to lobby several "R's" in an effort to amend this bill allowing oversight by the Local Government Finance Board and reducing the 25% to 16.65. We were successful in obtaining commitments from enough Assemblymen and Assemblywomen to have [SB168](#) amended. Our Assembly Minority Leader - [Marilyn Kirkpatrick](#) carried the amendment for us. She presented the amendment late last night and the amendment passed. [SB168](#), despite heavy lobbying against the bill, passed out of the Assembly and is now on its way back to the Senate ([Settlemeyer](#)) for concurrence. If he and the Senate concur the bill will then find its way to the Governor's desk and hopefully he will sign same. That was an awesome amount of work and lobbying on our coalition's part with [Rusty McAllister](#) taking the lead on making it happen.

HOWEVER, WITH [AB249](#) LURKING IN THE SHADOWS, WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET!

[AB249](#) has three major components - First it defines "Financial sustainability", secondly it takes dollars that are currently budgeted for OPEB and Workers comp and prevents those dollars from being used in collective bargaining. Currently those monies do not become restricted until the money is actually deposited in the accounts. The third part of the bill is same and similar to SB 168 on increasing the ending fund balance from 8.3% to 25%. So....bottom line is that our job now - on Monday - May 26, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. is to attempt to either kill this bill or have the same and similar language as [SB168](#) has in it.

On other issues, [SB241](#) - [Senator Roberson's](#) collective bargaining bill and [SB406](#) - [Senator Roberson's](#) PERS bill, passed out of the Assembly Friday and are on their way back to the Senate for concurrence. Our hopes are that these are the only two changes to collective bargaining and PERS. Of course, like I said previously, [SB168](#) is a collective bargaining bill as well.

This morning [SB420](#) was heard in [Assembly Ways and Means](#) - This is another PERS bill that we expected might be amended by Assemblyman Kirner. It was not amended as yet and our coalition members were present to ensure that the proponents stayed focused on the legislative intent. This bill provides for an in-house PERS counsel to be retained.

At this point there are 9 days left in this session. All exempt bills must be voted out of their committees by next Wednesday - May 27. We now expect all of those bills that will affect us [[AB190](#) (PERS), [AB182](#), [AB280](#) and [AB249](#) (Collective Bargaining)] will now be making their appearances this week. The tax bills will surface [SB252](#) (Governor) [AB464](#) - and the hybrid "Commerce Tax" Bill will surface.

Our coalition members will continue tag teaming and watching over all of these bills and more to ensure that we protect and defend your compensation and benefits that we have worked so hard to get.

Listed below is the link to [AB249](#) should you want to review this legislation.

Have a great and safe Memorial Day weekend.

Assembly Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, May 25, 2015

8:00 AM

- Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV.
- *Videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV.*

AGENDA ITEMS YOU ARE TRACKING

[AB249](#)  Makes various changes relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-521)

Please continue to go to “Share Your Opinion” To oppose the bills in the 2 paragraphs above. Please ask your family and friends to do the same.

Thank You,

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