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Advocacy During the Interim
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What is the Interim?

**Legislative Engagement: During Session**
- Nevada’s legislature meets for 120-days during odd-numbered years
- Nevadans can work with legislators to write, debate, and pass bills

**Legislative Engagement: During the Interim**
- During even-numbered years, legislative committees meet over 20 months
- Interim committees hear presentations, take public comments, and make recommendations for bills to be debated and passed in the next session
Why is advocacy during the Interim important?

- What’s a bill draft request? (BDR)
  - Interim committees usually have an allocation of bill draft requests
  - BDR’s are drafts of bills that may be heard in the next legislative session
  - There is more time during the interim to provide input on bill draft requests
  - Consequently, it is easier to influence bill details during the interim than during session
How do we know if bills from last session are enacted?

• Implementation and Accountability
  • Passing a bill is only half the process

• Bills passed and signed in the last session are implemented during the interim

• State agency heads provide reports on implementation progress

• We need more eyes and ears helping to track implementation to know if issues arise that need to be addressed in the next session
How can we influence state budgets?

• Nevada is a Dillon’s Rule state, so
  • Power to legislate and fund resides with the state government
  • The state government allocates power out to other entities
  • All state agency budgets are approved at the state level

• How can we influence state & agency budgets?
  • The Governor’s Budget Office requests state agency preliminary budgets around March of even-numbered years
  • The Economic Forum, which is a commission of independent analysts, meets periodically to review state revenues
  • The Budget Office and the Economic Forum host public meetings that anyone can attend or livestream
What options are available for participating in advocacy?

- There is something for everyone, gathering information:
  - Follow one or more committees
    - Most committees have in-person, livestreaming, and archived recordings available
    - Recordings are saved to view at any time
    - Each committee has a dedicated webpage that includes all hearing presentations
  - Track enacted bills for implementation
    - Select one or more bills to summarize
    - Identify the implementing agencies or offices
    - Follow the implementing agency or office to track implementation reports
  - Track budget-building meetings and reports
    - Attend or watch meetings that cover budget discussions
    - Track budget presentations & opportunities to provide input
How can we engage?

- Providing input:
  - Anyone can provide comments as a community member at a committee meeting
  - Committees have public comment periods that start and end each meeting
  - Only a League of Women Voter’s leader may speak for League
  - All official League statements must align with an official League issue position
  - Committee chairs can allow groups to provide formal presentations
  - An official League presentation must also align with an official League issue position
How will I report my information?

• Google Docs and Spreadsheets
  • Volunteers will submit information through online forms on the LWVN Blog
  • We will compile information & make it publicly available on the LWVN Blog
  • We will accept & integrate any information offered by our partner groups
Where can I find information about committees and bills?

- Nevada’s Legislative Website
  - Nevadans are very fortunate, our legislative website is A++++
  - Our legislative website provides information & tools for engagement
  - Keep reading for legislative webpage screenshots
  - https://www.leg.state.nv.us/
Interim Information can be accessed here.
Welcome to the Nevada Legislature


We are now in the interim period between legislative sessions.
If you decide to follow a committee, create an account to sign up for email notifications of meeting dates, times, and places.
There are three types of committees available to follow.
There are many committees to choose from during the interim. If you click on any committee, you’ll land on its webpage.
Every committee has its own webpage
As the interim proceeds, you’ll be able to go to a committee’s webpage to watch livestreamed and archived meetings, and you can access information presented during hearings.
You can also see the daily calendar of meetings under Calendar of Meetings and you can view archived meeting recordings under Videos of Archived Meetings.
The Calendar of Meetings allows you to view the agenda and livestream the meeting through a video link.

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| 9:00 AM | Dept. of Taxation Nevada Tax Commission  
Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV.  
Videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV. |
| 1:00 PM | Dept. of Administration Enterprise IT Services Division Information Technology Advisory Board  
Room 2134 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. |
| **Tuesday, August 13, 2019** | |
| 1:30 PM | Colorado River Commission Meeting  
Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV. |
| **Wednesday, August 14, 2019** | |
| 9:00 AM | Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum  
Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV.  
Videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV.  
This is the first meeting of the 2019-2020 Interim. The agenda is not yet available. |
| **Thursday, August 15, 2019** | |
| 9:00 AM | Deferred Compensation Committee Social Security Seminar  
Room 1214 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV. |
| 10:00 AM | Interim Finance Committee  
Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV.  
Videoconferenced to Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV. |
To track bills passed in the 2019 legislative session for implementation, click on NELIS.
You can see the bills and budgets passed during the 2019 legislative session on NELIS.
Under Bill Reports, we can click on Bill Actions & Status to view the bills that became law as well as amendments added to bills.
If you click on the bill’s number, you can read the full text and session history.

A brief summary is included
A bill’s history page includes all the information related to the bill’s progress during the legislative session.

You can watch bill hearings here:
We can review the Governor’s two-year budget under Budget Reports.
If you’d like to join our Advocacy During the Interim program, please visit our blog and click on Advocacy During the Interim.
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If you are interested in engaging in our Advocacy During the Interim program, please fill out our volunteer form by clicking HERE.

If you have already selected your volunteer activity, please use one of the forms below to report back.

Report on an interim legislative committee HERE

Report on a passed bill or budget HERE