Overview

• Meets every other year (odd years)

• 120 days (Feb-June)
  • Carson City

• 62 Legislators
  • 42 Assembly (2 year)
  • 21 Senate (4 year)

• Term limits (12 years)
Organization

• Assembly Leader: Speaker (Jason Frierson)
• Senate: Senate Majority Leader (N. Cannizzaro)
• Standing committees:
  • Commerce & Labor     Government Affairs     Judiciary
  • Growth & Infrastructure     Education     Taxation
  • Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining
  • Health & Human Services
  • Legislative Operations & Elections     Way$ & Mean$
Organization: Committees

- Each commit
  - Chair, Vice Chair; representatives from both parties
- Senate, Health & Human Services
  - Julia Ratti (D-Reno), Chair
  - Pat Spearman (D-Vegas), Vice Chair
  - Joyce Woodhouse (D-Vegas)
  - Joseph P. Hardy (R-Vegas) | Scott Hammond (R-Vegas)
- Assembly, Health & Human Services
  - Richard Carrillo (D-Vegas), Vice Chair
  - Alex Assefa (D-Vegas) | Bea Duran (D-Vegas)
  - Michelle Gorelow (D-Vegas) | Connie Munk (D-Vegas)
  - Rochelle Nguyen (D-Vegas) | Tyrone Thompson (D-Vegas)
  - Gregory Hafen (R-Clark) | John Hambrick (R-Clark)
  - Lisa Krasner (R-Reno) | Robin Titus (R-Reno)
Legislative Process

Assembly

42

Senate

21

Gov. Sisolak

BILL INTRODUCED
- FLOOR ACTION
- 1ST READING
- REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BILLS SENT TO COMMITTEE
- COMMITTEE READING
- VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE
- WORK SESSION (SEPARATE HEARING)

FLOOR ACTION
- 2ND READING
- APPROVED AMENDMENTS ADDED TO BILL

3RD READING
- VOTE ON BILL

BILLS SENT TO OTHER HOUSE
- TO REPEATE PROCESS

RETURN TO ORIGIN HOUSE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES
- IF HOUSE CONCURS
- IF PASSED WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

BILL SIGNED INTO LAW OR VETOED
HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

AS INTRODUCED

AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE

AS AMENDED ON SECOND READING

AS ENACTED

AS FUNDED BY THE MONEY COMMITTEES

AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE AGENCY

AS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA

AS UNDERSTOOD BY THE PUBLIC

WHAT WAS ACTUALLY NEEDED
Interim Work

• Committees meet between sessions

• 2017-2019 Interim
  • Legislative Committee on Health Care

• 2017-2019 Interim Studies
  • Committee to Study the Needs Related to the Behavioral & Cognitive Care of Older Persons
Engagement & Impact

• Meet with your legislators
• Testify
  • Fact Sharer: Share some important facts
  • Story Teller: Share personal stories about why this issue matters. You don’t need to be an expert. Telling your story is a powerful way to connect with them.
• “All politics is “local”
• Lobby; meet with lobbyists
• Build coalitions
• Organize events during the session
Engagement & Impact

• Start early
• Meet with your legislators
• Invite them
  • Tours, speaking engagements
• Build coalitions
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