Working With Your Representatives for Change!

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Southern Delegation

Meet Your Assembly Leadership!

Jason Frierson
Speaker

Danielle Monroe-Moreno
Asst. Majority Floor Leader

Steve Yeager
Speaker Pro-Tem

Tyrone Thompson
Chief Deputy Maj. Whip
NV Southern Delegation

Meet Your Assembly Leadership continued!

William McCurdy III
Asst. Majority Whip

Heidi Swank
Asst. Majority Whip

Dina Neal
Assembly District 7
Assembly Southern Delegation

John Hambrick
AD 2

Selena Torres
AD 3

Connie Munk
AD 3

Brittney Miller
AD 5

Rochelle Nguyen
AD 10

Beatrice Duran
AD 11

Susana Martinez
AD 12

Tom Roberts
AD 13
Assembly Southern Delegation

Maggie Carlton  
AD 14

Howard Watts  
AD 15

Richard Carrillo  
AD 18

Chris Edwards  
AD 19

Ellen Spiegel  
AD 20

Ozzie Fumo  
AD 21

Melissa Hardy  
AD 22

Glen Leavitt  
AD 23
Assembly Southern Delegation

Edgar Flores
AD 28

Lesley Cohen
AD 29

Shannon Bilbray
AD 34

Michelle Gorelow
AD 35

Gregory Hafen
AD 36

Shea Backus
AD 37

Sandra Jauregui
AD 41

Alexander Assefa
AD 42
Senate Southern Delegation

✧ Meet Your Senate
✧ Leadership

Moises Denis
President pro Tem

Joyce Woodhouse
Chief Majority Whip

Yvanna Cancela
Co-Majority Whip

Nicole Cannizzaro
Majority Leader
Senate Southern Delegation

Scott Hammond
SD 18

Keith Pickard
SD 20

James Ohrenschall
SD 21
Where Do Bill Ideas Come From?

✧ You!
✧ Constituents
✧ Professionals
✧ Studies
✧ Task Forces
✧ Interest Groups
Use Your Voice!

- E-mail
- Phone Call
- Ask for a Meeting
- Testify
- Vote Online
- Join Organizations & Interest Groups
- Use the Interim!
BDR Timeline & Deadlines

- Legislators submit BDRs constantly starting the day after the legislative session
- Deadlines:
  - August before session
  - September before session
  - December before session
  - General Election Day
  - 1st Week of Session
  - During Session
Who Can Request a Bill Draft?

✧ Legislators (# varies)
✧ Legislative Studies & Committees
✧ Legislative Leadership
✧ The Governor (agencies)
✧ Cities & Counties
✧ Constitutional Officers
✧ Special Groups & Commissions
Different Caucuses

- Southern Nevada Legislators - (Southern NV Forum)
- Nevada Hispanic Legislative Caucus
- Nevada Black Elected Caucus
- Progressive Caucus
- Women’s Caucus
- Boards, Commissions and Councils
Why is this policy change needed?

- Who
- What
- Big Idea
How can YOU help shape policy?

- Clearly Express “Why the change is needed?”
- Data driven conversations
- Begin with the end in mind
- Identify supporters and work differences out with opposition
- Stakeholder and community stories
How can YOU help your policy idea stay alive?

- Choose sponsor/co-sponsor wisely
- Bi-partisan support
- Timing is key
- If it requires funding, identify and gain support for possible funding source(s) (unfunded mandates not popular)
- Hold conversations with the Governor and his staff
Constituent Services

✧ Call or e-mail for help
✧ Tell your friends and family!
How to Connect With Legislators About Bills

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/
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