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MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Publics

**From:** Kailey Musso, Management Analyst 3, Director's Office

**Title:** Legislative Committee Report

**Purpose:** The Legislative Committee met throughout the legislative session to discuss and bring platforms and positions to the Commission.

Summary

The Commission Legislative Tracking Sheet is updated as of May 31, 2023. Unfortunately, due to noticing timelines this is the latest I could submit the support material, however a brief explanation of the final outcomes for remaining bills will be given during the Commission Meeting.

Brief Explanation of 2023 Legislative Session

As of May 31, 2023

The following priority bills have been approved by the Governor:

*Senate Bill 87*, Creates the Natural Resources Corps.

The following priority bills have been delivered to the Governor and are awaiting signature:

*Assembly Bill 70*, Revises provisions regarding the predator fee.

The following priority bills still need to move through the second House:

*Senate Bill 311*, Revises provisions related to the tag transfer program.

*Assembly Bill 221*, Authorizes the management of non pest insects by NDOW.

*Assembly Bill 112*, Establishes and funds the account to create and maintain wildlife crossings.

*Senate Bill 88*, Requires 2023-2024 interim study on state agencies that regulate natural resources.

*Assembly Bill 349*, Establishes the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Conservation Foundation.



Legislative Committee Tracked Legislation 2023 Legislative Session as of 5/31/2023

Bold-Bill that directly effects the Department  
C - A joint resolution amending the Nevada Constitution, R - A resolution, S - A special act

Bill	BDR	NRS	Description	Sponsors	Status	Notes	Division Most Affected	Position	Amendments and Date	Fiscal Notes
<b>WILDLIFE/HABITAT</b>										
<a href="#">SB334</a>	30	704	Revises provisions relating to energy	Senator Spearman	To Assembly after Amendment not concured	Revising the definition of "renewable energy" to include clean hydrogen for the purposes of provisions governing the portfolio standard.		No Position		
	32		Revises provisions relating to energy	Senator Spearman						
<a href="#">SB176</a>	48-79	533	Revises provisions relating to groundwater basins	Senator Goicoechea	Exemption Effective.	Creating the Account for Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights; establishing the Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights Program.	Sent to Habitat 02/21/2023	Watch	<a href="#">03/23/2023-Proposed amendment. Nature Conservancy</a>	
	93		Revises provisions relating to livestock	Senator Goicoechea			Send to Habitat			
<a href="#">AB102</a>	128		Revises provisions governing wildlife.	Assemblyman Watts	FAILED 1st DEADLINE.	Prohibited to organize, sponsor, promote, conduct or participate in contest, tournament, derby or other in which animals taken for prize or other inducement. Beaver, bobcat, coyote, fox, mink, muskrat, otter, rabbit, skunk or weasel	Sent to DO, Game, LE 02/03/2023	Commission Neutral 03/11/2023	<a href="#">03/15/2023-Conceptual amendment proposed. Watts</a>	
<a href="#">SB311</a>	168	501	Revises provisions related to wildlife.	Senator Hansen	Exemption Effective, to Finance.	Requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish a program to allow a person to transfer his or her tag to hunt a big game mammal to certain persons.	Sent to DO, DATS 03/24/2023	Commission Supports with an amendment for in-person firearm safety 04/06/2023	Conceptual Amendment provided to say "resident junior hunter"	YES
	208		Revises provisions governing water.	Assemblywoman Kasama			Send to Habitat			
<a href="#">SB269</a>	246	574	Revises provisions related to wildlife.	Senator Ohrenschall	Delivered to Governor	Prohibiting a person from restraining a dog during any time in which a heat advisory has been issued for the are.	Sent to LE 03/15/2023	Neutral with exemption 05/05/2023	<a href="#">05/03/2023 Amendment - Ohrenschall 03/29/2023- Proposed amendment. Washoe and Clark Co.</a>	
<a href="#">SB141</a>	294	502	Revises provisions related to wildlife.	Senator Hansen	FAILED 1st DEADLINE.	Seeks to eliminate carrying a license or permit to hunt fish or trap.	Sent to Administrators 02/15/2023	Oppose as written 04/06/2023		
<a href="#">AB387</a>	338	533	Revises provisions related to water.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Failed 3rd Deadline	Requiring the State Engineer to consider the best available science when rendering decisions.	Sent to Habitat 03/24/2023	No Position	<a href="#">03/29/2023-Proposed amendment. Watts</a>	
<a href="#">AB221</a>	339	501	Authorizes the management of nonpest insects.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Exemption Effective, to Ways and Means	Allows management of terrestrial invertebrates by the Department as designated by the SGCN.	Sent to Diversity, Alan, Jordan 02/23/2023 Refer to Next Tab	Commission Support 03/11/2023	<a href="#">03/13/2023-Conceptual amendment proposed. Watts</a>	YES
<a href="#">AB112</a>	35-340	408	Establishes and funds account to create and maintain wildlife crossings.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Exemption Effective, Passed Senate G&I 05/29	Creates Wildlife Crossing Account in the State General Fund. Account administered by DOT. Provisions must be in cooperation with NDOW.	Sent to DO, Habitat, Game 02/06/2023 Refer to Next Tab	Commission Support 03/11/2023	<a href="#">03/09/2023- Two conceptual amendments proposed. Watts</a>	
<a href="#">AB70</a>	45-342	502	Revises provisions relating to the additional fee for a game tag which is used to pay costs related to the management and control of predatory wildlife.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Delivered to Governor	\$3.00 fee can be used for wildlife management activities relating to the protection of nonpredatory big game mammals and their habitat. Removes the min. 80% requirement, and requires prioritizing programs, wildlife management activities and research that will provide the greatest benefit to populations of big game	Sent to Game, Habitat, DO 01/31/2023 Refer to Next Tab	Commission Opposed and would like to direct concerns 05/05/2023	<a href="#">03/06/2023-Conceptual amendment proposed. NDOW</a>	
<a href="#">SB88</a>	S-345		Requires 2023-2024 interim study on state agencies that regulate natural resources.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	Heard in Assembly NR 05/31	If passed, effective July 1, 2023. A study will be conducted during the 2023-2024 interim concerning state agencies that regulate natural resources. Must include without limitation examining the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.	Refer to Next Tab Sent 01/27 - DO	Commission No Position 03/11/2023		
<a href="#">SB90</a>	19-560	235	Designates the wild mustang as the official state horse	Senate Committee on Natural Resources	Failed 3rd Deadline	Designates the wild mustang as the official state horse of the State of Nevada. Amendment provides that the designation complies with the Wild and Free Roaming Horses and Burro's Act		Commission Oppose 03/11/2023	<a href="#">04/04/2023 - Amendment</a>	
<a href="#">SB338</a>	678	490	Revises provisions relating to off-highway vehicles.	Senator Flores	Approved by Governor	Revising provisions relating to the operation of certain off-highway vehicles on certain streets and highways	Sent to LE 03/24/2023	No Position		

<a href="#">SB312</a>	743	503	Revises provisions relating to wildlife.	Senator Hansen	<b>FAILED 1st DEADLINE</b>	Authorizing a person who discovers the carcass of a big game mammal to report the location of the carcass to the Department of Wildlife and request that the antlers and horns be donated to a nonprofit organization for display, raffle or auction.	Sent to Administrators 03/24/2023	<b>Support with amendments 04/06/2023</b>	<a href="#">03/28/2023 - Amendmen Hansen</a>	
	744		Revises provisions governing water.	Senator Hansen						
	861		Revises provisions relating to natural resources.	Senate Committee on Natural Resources						
<a href="#">SB421</a>	58-891	701 704	Revises provisions relating to energy.	Senator Ohrenschall	<b>FAILED DEADLINE</b>	Revising provisions governing partial tax abatements for certain renewable energy facilities	Sent to Habitat 03/28/2023	<b>No Position</b>		
<a href="#">AB349</a>	912		Establishes the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Conservation Foundation.	Assembly Minority Leader	<b>Exemption Effective, Passed Assembly Floor</b>	Establishing the Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program and Nevada Wildlife Conservation Program Account to support the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife and wildlife habitatS.	Sent to Administrators 03/24/2023	<b>Support with proposed amdment to change Board makeup and remove Commission direction 05/05/2023</b>	<a href="#">03/27/2023-Proposed amendment. O'Neill</a>	
<a href="#">SB224</a>	1013	501	Revises the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.	Senator Goicoechea	<b>FAILED 1st DEADLINE.</b>	Revising the membership of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.		<b>Commission Oppose 03/11/2023</b>		
<a href="#">SJR2</a>	R-170		SJR: Urges Congress to require the United States Board on Geographic Names to consider renaming the Sheldon Antelope Range.	Senator Hansen	<b>FAILED DEADLINE</b>	Changes the name of the Sheldon Wildlife Refuge to the E. R. Sans National Wildlife Refuge.		<b>Watch</b>		
<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT/FIREARMS</b>										
<a href="#">SB294</a>	15-47	388 439	Revises provisions relating to firearms	Senator Donate	<b>Senate Final Passage</b>	Creating the crime of unsafe storage of a firearm	Sent to LE 03/17/2023	<b>No Position</b>		
<a href="#">SB367</a>	942	202	Revises provisions relating to public safety.	Senator Cannizzaro	<b>General File</b>	certain circumstances related to the commission of certain drug offenses.	Sent to LE 03/24/2023	<b>No Position</b>		
<a href="#">AB 355</a>	937	202	Revises provisions relating to firearms	Assemblywoman Jauregui	<b>Veto by Governor, Returned to Assembly with Governor's veto message</b>	Prohibits a person under 21 from using a semiautomatic shotgun or rifle		<b>Commission Opposed 04/11/2023</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>										
<a href="#">SB87</a>	23-343	284	Creates the Nevada Natural Resources Corps.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources	<b>Approved by Governor</b>	Under certain circumstances without competition certain persons may fill a classified position.	HR 02/06/2023	<b>Commission Support 03/11/2023</b>	<a href="#">03/07/2023-Proposed Amendment. Watts.</a>	
<a href="#">AB361</a>	995		Revises provisions governing federal grants.	Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno	<b>Approved by Governor</b>	Authorizing a department, institution or agency of the Executive Department of the State Government to request the provisional approval of the Interim Finance Committee to accept a grant and revise a work program.	Sent to Jordan 03/24/2023	<b>No Position</b>		
<b>No Longer Tracking</b>										
	54-206		Revises provisions governing animals.	Assemblywoman Hardy				<b>Stop Tracking</b>		
	S-347		Creates 2023-2024 interim study relating to environmental justice.	Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources			Refer to Next Tab	<b>Stop Tracking</b>		
	20-460		Revises provisions governing the transfer of certain land by a county.	Asseemblyman O'Neill				<b>Stop Tracking</b>		
	628		Revises provisions governing natural resources.	Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen				<b>Stop Tracking</b>		
<a href="#">SB159</a>	49-608		Revises provisions relating to pest control.	Senator Hammond	<b>Heard. No Action Taken 04/04/2023</b>	Establishing provisions governing the issuance of a provisional license as an applicator to engage in pest control. Per Ajenne	Sent to Habitat 02/15/2023	<b>Stop Tracking</b>		
<b>WITHDR</b> <a href="#">AWN</a>	816		Revises provisions relating to natural resources.	Senator Scheible		<b>WITHDRAWN</b>		<b>Stop Tracking</b>		
<a href="#">SB265</a>	48		Revises provisions relating to boards and commissions	Senator Donate		State Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board		<b>Stop Tracking</b>		