

The good, the bad, and the ugly about Nevada Jobs Legislation

Democratic Legislative Leadership has placed an agenda to pass important jobs in the first 30 days of the Session. The deadline arrived on March 7th. However there is a down side for the lobbyists, the DBR's (Business Development Resources) and bills are being rushed to a committee heading at such a fast pace that it is complicated to even know what's in them. There are some job bills that have been introduced recently, both helpful and others not so helpful.

Bill AB183 would help to build almost 761 jobs within the next three years. This bill is somewhat controversial because Governor Sandoval has projected lowering the reserve requirements that schools are obligated to sustain in their debt services. The Governors budget would take the freed-up funds and permit the school districts to use them for operating funds. It is important to note that these funds are the funds that the voters of Washoe County voted to only be used on capital projects.

Bill AB189 will provide incentives for Nevada taxpayers who endow money in smaller businesses. Smaller businesses are those with 150 full-or-part time employees or less, less than \$2 million in gross receipts, and provides work for at least 80% of its employees in Nevada.

Bill AB191 allows a business that makes a capital investment of at least \$500,000 in a research program at either UNLV or UNR to be able to declare a limited abatement of business or property tax. Some requirement that these businesses would have to meet is to provide health insurance for all of their employees and employ graduate students.

Bill SB 192 is intended to create about 5,500 construction jobs and to provide a little over \$270 million in added bonding capacity statewide. The private sector will perform the public works project whenever possible.

Bill AB144 will offer stricter criteria for getting the 5% bidders' preference on state public works projects. This bill will also extend the preference to local government projects. This bill will make sure that 50% of workers must be Nevada residents, 25% of the materials used must be purchased in Nevada and all vehicles will have to be registered in Nevada.

Other bills on the table include bills that will: create a separate group that will generate the details approach to teacher evaluations, as well as prolong the specific amount of time the teachers are actually on probation (the time period now is one year, and the WCSD has recommended three years), and to provide bonuses for teachers who perform above and beyond, (Governor Sandoval has included \$20 million in his budget for this intention). There is also a rumor that there could be sales tax on services proposed. Visit our website (www.thebosmagroup.com) and our Bosma Group [FaceBook](#) page for further developments.