

Welcome!

Icebreaker:
In the chat, please write in:

1. Name
2. Pronouns
3. Role/Organization
4. What topic could you give a 20-minute presentation on without any preparation?

Community Agreements

1. Sorry and Guys Jars
2. Ask questions!!
3. Mute unless speaking
4. Does anyone have any more or any comments?

What are we doing here today?



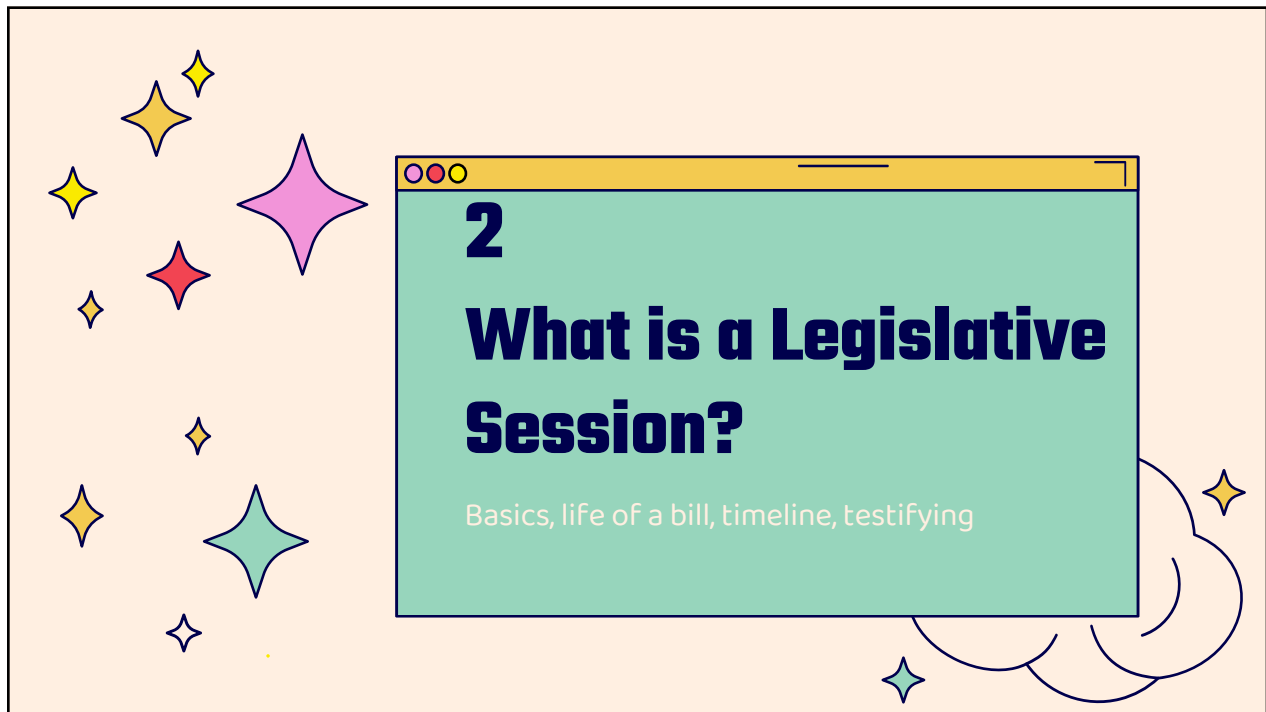
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Purpose

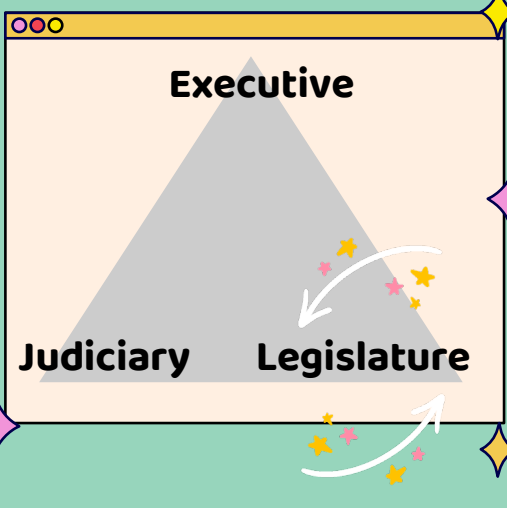
To have an overview of NV Legislature and the NELIS website

Outcome

To be able to navigate NELIS and engage effectively in the legislative session (or have a basic understanding of legislative work)



Nevada's 3 Branches of Government




The diagram shows a large triangle representing the three branches of government. The top vertex is labeled 'Executive'. The bottom-left vertex is labeled 'Judiciary'. The bottom-right vertex is labeled 'Legislature'. A curved arrow points from the 'Legislature' to the 'Executive', and another curved arrow points from the 'Executive' to the 'Judiciary', indicating a cycle of checks and balances. There are also small stars and decorative elements around the triangle.

Nevada has a bicameral ("two chambers") Legislature:
Senate and Assembly

What is a Legislative Session?


Nevada convenes their Legislature biennially (every other year) on odd years for 120 days
AKA when Nevada's elected legislators meet to create policies & pass a budget in Carson City
AKA

- ◆ "legislative session" or
- ◆ "regular session" or
- ◆ "session"



Let's get down to business

Timeline



**STATE OF NEVADA
2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
120-Day Calendar**

Date (Day of Session)	Date (Day of Session)	Date (Day of Session)
Feb. 1 (1)	Mar. 13 (41)	Apr. 22 (81)
Feb. 2 (2)	Mar. 14 (42)	Apr. 23 (82)
Feb. 3 (3)	Mar. 15 (43) Legislators' Bill Introductions	Apr. 24 (83)
Feb. 4 (4) Subcommittees Start Meeting Jointly	Mar. 16 (44)	Apr. 25 (84)
Feb. 5 (5) y	Mar. 17 (45)	Apr. 26 (85)
Feb. 6 (6)	Mar. 18 (46)	Apr. 27 (86)
Feb. 7 (7)	Mar. 19 (47)	Apr. 28 (87)
Feb. 8 (8) Legislators' BDR Requests	Mar. 20 (48)	Apr. 29 (88)
Feb. 9 (9)	Mar. 21 (49)	Apr. 30 (89)
Feb. 10 (10)	Mar. 22 (50) Joint Standing Rule No. 14 and Other Remaining Bill Introductions	May 1 (90)
Feb. 11 (11)	Mar. 23 (51)	May 2 (91)
Feb. 12 (12)	Mar. 24 (52)	May 3 (92) Start Resolving Budget Differences
Feb. 13 (13)	Mar. 25 (53)	May 4 (93) Economic Forum Report Due
Feb. 14 (14)	Mar. 26 (54)	May 5 (94)
Feb. 15 (15) Joint Standing Rule No. 14 BDR Requests	Mar. 27 (55)	May 6 (95)
Feb. 16 (16)	Mar. 28 (56)	May 7 (96)
Feb. 17 (17)	Mar. 29 (57)	May 8 (97)


February 1 - June 1, 2021

Special Session

Can only happen via

- Governor's official proclamation or
- $\frac{2}{3}$ of each house in the Legislature

Legislators can only work on bills related to the topics outlined in the proclamation



Governor Sisolak @GovSisolak

Today, I issued the formal proclamation to call the Nevada Legislature into a special session beginning tomorrow at 9 a.m. to address the historic budget shortfall. I am eager to work with our Nevada lawmakers on this difficult undertaking.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 2, 2020
Nevada Governor
Steve Sisolak

Governor Sisolak issues proclamation for Nevada Legislative Special Session to address historic budget shortfall

Carson City, Nev. — Today, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak issued the formal proclamation to call the Nevada Legislature into a special session beginning on Wednesday, July 8 at 9 a.m. to address the historic budget shortfall. This will be the 31st Special Session in Nevada's history.

"I am eager to work with our Nevada lawmakers on this difficult undertaking. The Legislature may also authorize the Nevada Board of Regents to implement temporary waivers or modifications to the continuing eligibility requirements for students receiving the Millennium Scholarship who were negatively impacted during the pandemic. Once the budget shortfall is addressed and the special session is concluded, the Governor plans to issue a subsequent proclamation for the Legislature to consider policy items that rise to the extraordinary occasion of a special session."

On Monday, the Governor released his Nevada COVID-19 Fiscal Report, which includes information about the State's budget and economy pre-pandemic and details the condensed timeline in which the State had to respond to the public health, economic, and fiscal crises that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. That report can be found online [here](#).

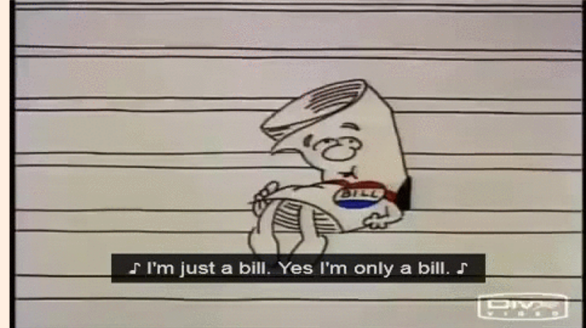
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59 Retweets 42 Quote Tweets 260 Likes

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Life of a Bill

1. Bill Draft Request - BDR
2. House of Origin (the First House)
3. 2nd House
4. If necessary - resolve amendments
5. Governor takes action to sign or veto



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Life of a Bill - BDR

BDR = placeholder for a bill

Can be requested by a legislator, a committee, state agency, the governor, or a local gov't

A staff attorney writes up the legal language of the bill

1. Bill Draft Request - BDR

2. Introduction & First Reading

House	
17-438 AB1	Nevada Association of Counties Revises provisions governing training for Legislators. No note
32-439 AB46	Nye County Repeals the Commerce Tax. No note
15-440	Senator Settelmeyer Revises provisions relating to real property. No note
441	Senator Spearman Revises provisions relating to business entities. No note
57-442	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Costs of Prescription Drugs (S.B. 276, 2019) Imposes on health plans certain requirements relating to prescription drug coverage. No note

6. Governor takes action to sign or veto

Life of a Bill - First Reading

Only legislators and standing committees can introduce a bill

After a bill is introduced, it is:

- ◆ Assigned a number
- ◆ Read for the first time
- ◆ Referred to a committee

1. Bill Draft Request - BDR
 2. Introduction & First Reading
 3. Committee Action & Report
 4. Second Reading
 5. Floor Debate & Vote
- Sent to 2nd House--
1. First Reading
 2. Committee Action & Report
 3. Second Reading
 4. Floor Debate & Vote
 5. If necessary - resolution of differences
 6. Governor takes action to sign or veto

Life of a Bill - Committee Actions

Pass as written
 Pass with amendments
 Recommend amendments
 Re-refer to another committee
 Rec that the legislative house amend the bill
 Postpone consideration
 Take no action i.e. kill it

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Life of a Bill - Second & Third Reading

Once bills are given a "Do Pass", they are read a 2nd time

Go to General File, ready to be read to the floor for the 3rd time

- House of Origin
1. Bill Draft Request - BDR
 2. Introduction & First Reading
 3. Committee Action & Report
 4. Second Reading
 5. Floor Debate & Vote

--Sent to 2nd House--

- 2nd House
1. First Reading
 2. Committee Action & Report
 3. Second Reading
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Life of a Bill - Floor Debate & Vote

To pass the floor, bills need 11 votes in Senate and 22 votes in Assembly

Bills with tax or fee increases need a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority

14 votes in Senate and 28 votes in Assembly

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--Sent to 2nd House--

- 2nd House
1. First Reading
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 3. Second Reading
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**Life of a Bill -
Second House**

The process is nearly identical as the first house

Amendments may need to be resolved and may go back and forth as a result

- House of Origin {
1. Bill Draft Request - BDR
 2. Introduction & First Reading
 3. Committee Action & Report
 4. Second Reading
 5. Floor Debate & Vote

--Sent to 2nd House--

- 2nd House {
1. First Reading
 2. Committee Action & Report
 3. Second Reading
 4. Floor Debate & Vote

5. If necessary - resolution of differences
6. Governor takes action to sign or veto

**Life of a Bill -
Gov's Actions**

If still in session, the governor has 5 days to act
If less than 5 days of session or after sine die, the governor has 10 days

Actions

- Sign into law
- Allow it to become law without signing
- Veto it

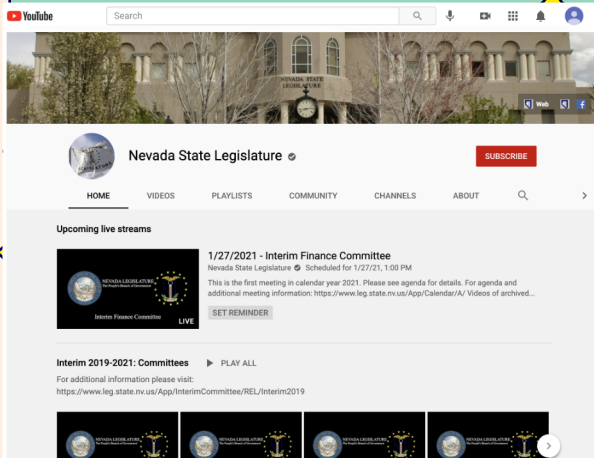
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Watching Floor & Committee Sessions



1. In-person at the Capitol building in Carson City*
2. Online via NELIS's streaming service
3. Online via NVLeg Youtube channel

Engaging* in the NV Leg

*pre-pandemic

Share Your Opinion with Your Legislators
81st (2021) Session

[Reports](#) [Submit Another Opinion](#)

The Opinion Poll portion of this site contains constituent opinions for the 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Throughout a legislative session, legislators review these opinions to gain perspective on how constituents in their districts feel about legislation. Constituent names, addresses and other personal information are NOT made public, but are available to legislators so that they will know who is submitting the comment and are able to contact the constituent if they so desire. Only the opinion totals are made publicly available on this site.

Thank you for participating.

Select a Bill and Enter Your Opinion

Select a Bill*

Select a bill

An asterisk (*) indicates the bill was introduced in the previous session.

Or Type in a Bill Name and Click 'Get Bill Information'

(e.g., AB123)

Your Opinion on the Bill*

☐ In Favor

☐ Against

Your Comments on the Bill

Your Information

In order to accurately determine the legislative district in which you reside, we ask that you please provide your physical address; however, your phone number and email address are NOT required. Confidential information will not be made public.

Title

Other/None

First Name*

Last Name*

Physical Address*

City*

[Get Bill Information](#)

Share Your Opinion Page

Quick way to express opinion on a bill

Time to submit an opinion is more flexible

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Testifying During a Committee Hearing

- Carson City or Grant Sawyer in Las Vegas
- Limited to two minutes
- Will likely be asked to leave a printed copy of your comments or email it to committee secretary

Engagement during COVID-19

- Limited persons allowed in the building
- Can observe via website & Youtube
- Participation in hearings via Zoom & reservations
- Grant Sawyer closed
- Lots of things still TBD

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU ANNOUNCES INITIAL 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION LOGISTICS

CARSON CITY-- Today, Legislative Counsel Bureau Director Brenda Erdos released details on how the legislature will operate when the 81st Legislative Session begins on February 1st.

*The 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 1, 2021, with the Legislative Building closed to all persons other than Legislators, essential staff and a small news media pool. Those persons who are not in the building will be able to observe all of the floor sessions in the Chambers of both houses and all committee hearings in the various hearing rooms throughout the building via the Legislature's Website "View Events" Tab and YouTube. Access for persons not in the Legislative Building to observe and participate in the committee hearings will be available by reservation through the Legislature's Website for videoconference participation through Zoom. This reservation system will be available prior to session and a tutorial will be included. In addition, persons not in the Legislative Building may provide public comment to committees by telephone or choose to participate in committee hearings via videoconference at designated sites which are currently being developed in various locations in the State. Virtual meetings between individual Legislators and persons who are not in the building will be made possible through Microsoft Teams. A weekly COVID-19 testing regimen for Legislators, staff and the news media pool in the building will be in place during the time the building is closed.

The first day of the 2021 Legislative Session will be without many of the usual activities. To ensure compliance with the applicable COVID-19 protocols relating to the number of persons allowed in public gatherings, no family, friends or others will be allowed. However, a time for families and friends to come to the Legislative Building in Carson City is anticipated later in the Session.

After Legislators and essential staff have received both COVID-19 vaccinations, the Legislature will initiate a plan to begin opening the Legislative Building to members of the Public and registered Lobbyists to participate in committee hearings in person, by reservation through the Legislature's Website. This reservation system will be available prior to the opening of the building to the Public and Lobbyists and a tutorial will be included. Each person who participates in person in a committee hearing will be required to present a completed COVID-19 vaccination card or take a shallow nasal swab Rapid COVID-19 test before entering the building. The tests will be provided on site at no cost to the person being tested.

During the 81st Session, the Las Vegas Office of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in the Grant Sawyer State Office Building will be closed and the employees who staff that office will work from home to carry out their duties, including facilitating the virtual portion of the committee hearings being held in Carson City. Videoconference participation in committee hearings which was previously provided in that office will be offered at various sites in the Las Vegas Valley which are currently being developed.

3 Legislators & People You Should Know

Legislator overview, positions, committees

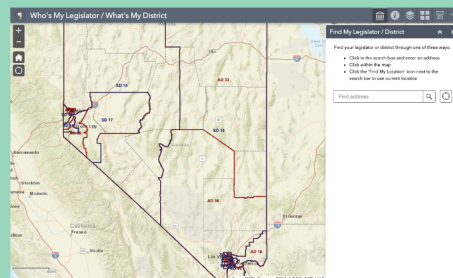
Who are Nevada's Legislators?

63 legislators in two houses:

- ◆ 21 members in the Senate
- ◆ 42 members in the Assembly

Within each house, there are the Democrat & Republican caucuses

- ◆ Within each caucus are leadership roles





Majority Leader
Nicole Cannizzaro

Assistant Majority Leader
Julia Ratti

President pro Tempore
Mo Denis

Chief Majority Whip
Pat Spearman

Co-Majority Whips
Chris Brooks
Marilyn Dondero Loop



Minority Leader
James A. Settelmeyer

Assistant Minority Leader
Joseph Hardy

Co-Minority Whips
Heidi Gansert
Scott Hammond

Assembly Leadership 81st Session - 2021

Majority Leadership



Speaker
Jason Frierson



Speaker Pro Tempore
Steve Yeager



Majority Floor Leader
Teresa Benitez-Thompson



Majority Whip
Edgar Flores

Minority Leadership



Minority Floor Leader
Robin Titus



Deputy Minority Floor Leader - South
Tom Roberts



Deputy Minority Whip
Glen Leavitt



Assistant Majority Whip
Sandra Jauregui



Assistant Minority Whip
Gregory Hafen II



Assistant Minority Whip
Lisa Krasner

Senate Committees

COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP
Commerce and Labor	Spearman (C), Vacant (VC), Scheible, Lange, Hardy, Settelmeyer, Pickard
Education	Denis (C), Dondero Loop (VC), Neal, Lange, Hardy, Hammond, Buck
Finance	Brooks (C), Denis (VC), Ratti, Cannizzaro, Dondero Loop, Kieckhefer, Goicoechea, Hammond, Seevers Gansert
Government Affairs	Dondero Loop (C), Ohrenschall (VC), Neal, Goicoechea, Hansen
Growth and Infrastructure	Harris (C), Brooks (VC), Spearman, Hammond, Pickard
Health and Human Services	Ratti (C), Spearman (VC), Harris, Hardy, Kieckhefer
Judiciary	Scheible (C), Cannizzaro (VC), Vacant, Ohrenschall, Harris, Settelmeyer, Hansen, Pickard
Legislative Operations and Elections	Ohrenschall (C), Lange (VC), Cannizzaro, Seevers Gansert, Buck
Natural Resources	Vacant (C), Scheible (VC), Brooks, Goicoechea, Hansen
Revenue and Economic Development	Neal (C), Ratti (VC), Denis, Kieckhefer, Seevers Gansert,

Assembly Committees

Ways & Means Maggie Carlton, Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair	Education Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, Chair Brittney Miller, Vice Chair
Judiciary Steve Yeager, Chair Rochelle Nguyen, Vice Chair	Growth & Infrastructure Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair Howard Watts, Vice Chair
Government Affairs Edgar Flores, Chair Selena Torres, Vice Chair	Health & Human Services Rochelle Nguyen, Chair Sarah Peters, Vice Chair
Commerce & Labor Sandra Jauregui, Chair Maggie Carlton, Vice Chair	Legislative Operations & Elections Brittney Miller, Chair Sandra Jauregui, Vice Chair
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Revenue Lesley Cohen, Chair Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Vice Chair	

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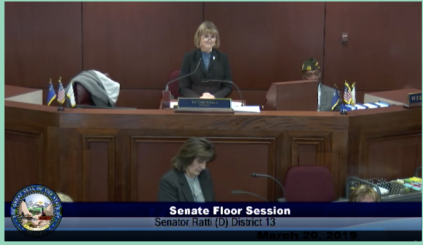
FYI

President of the Senate = Lt. Governor (Kate Marshall)

Presiding officer of the Assembly of the Assembly = Speaker (Speaker Frierson)

Attaché = legislative assistant

Committees have staff members



Senate Floor Session
Senator (Name) (M) (Abstract) (R)

Senate Legislative Operations and Elections (LOE)

HOME / COMMITTEES / SENATE LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS (LOE) OVERVIEW

Overview
Meetings 52
Sponsored Bills 17
Bill Status 57

Members

- James Ohrensall - Chair
- Yvanna D. Cancela - Vice Chair
- Marcia Washington
- Heidi Seewers Gansert
- Keith F. Pickard

Staff

Michael Stewart	Committee Policy Analyst
Kevin Powers	Committee Counsel
Pat Hutson	Committee Manager
Janae Johnson	Committee Secretary
Diane Rea	Committee Secretary

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FYI - Lobbyists

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**Persaud Zamora ,
Emily**

Paid Non-Profit Lobby-
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2365 Renaissance
Drive Ste. A
Las Vegas, NV 89119



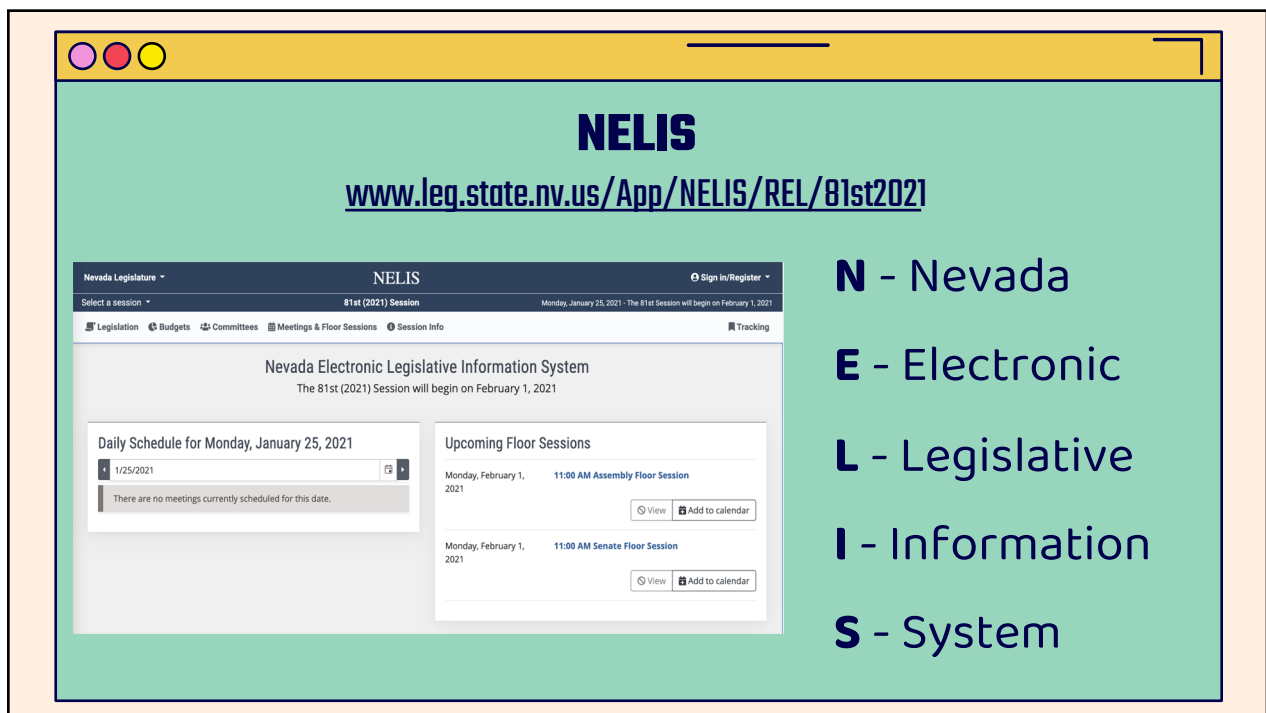
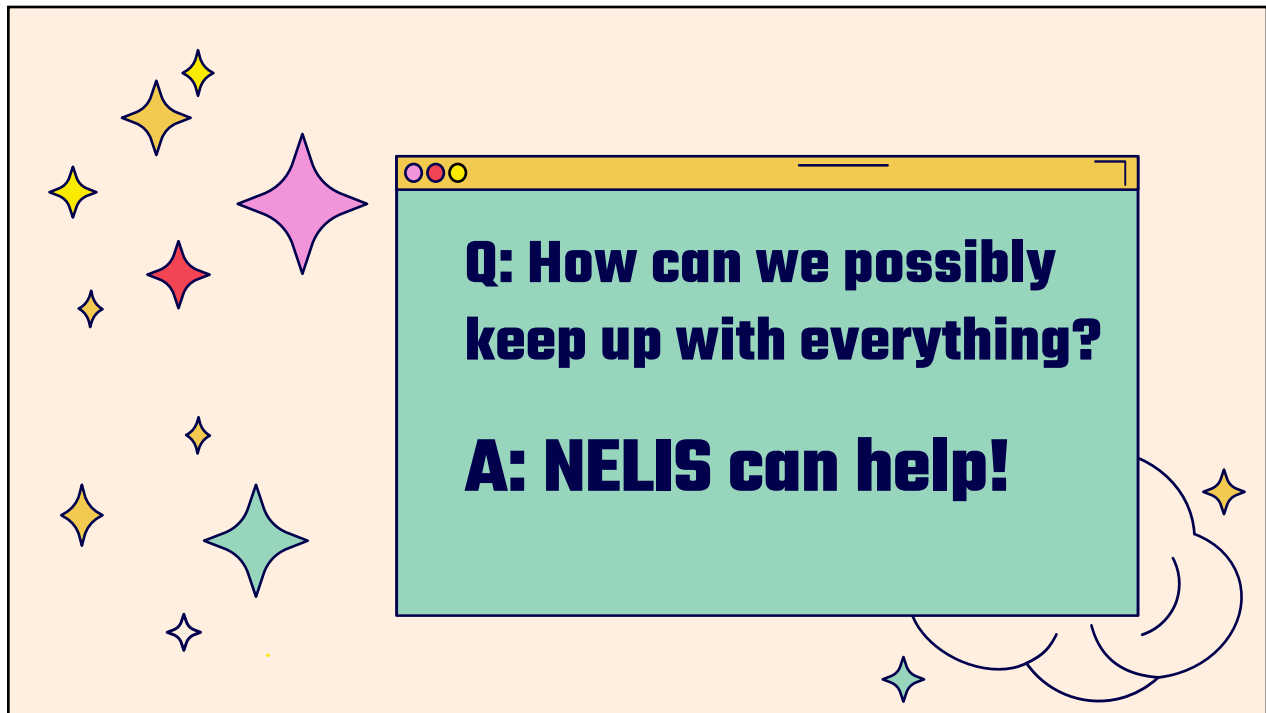
Must register & go through a training

Must file a report every month

Different types:

- ◆ Paid
- ◆ Paid Non-Profit
- ◆ Non-Paid
- ◆ Veteran

Official lobbyists receive a badge and a keychain





Common Terms & FYI

Floor session = When the full Senate or Assembly meets in its chamber to conduct business.
One minute recess VS adjournment

Quorum = The number of members of a house /committee that must be present for the body to conduct official business.

NRS = Nevada Revised Statutes

- ◆ The statutory law of Nevada of a general nature enacted by the Legislature

07/25/19 - Assembly Floor Session [20875]

Assembly Floor Session 11:50 AM

Common Terms & FYI

LCB = Legislative Counsel Bureau

- ◆ A nonpartisan, centralized agency that serves both houses and all legislators.

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Caucus



- ◆ group of legislators with a specific interest

Exemption

- ◆ Bills that a fiscal note that don't adhere to the regular deadlines

Fiscal note

- ◆ Estimated \$ cost or revenue

Comms & Social Media Tips



Twitter is the easiest and fastest way to get news

- ◆ Follow hashtags (#NVLeg), reporters, orgs

Don't forget: legislators pay attention to social media!

Session moves slow then very quickly, so make sure your internal & external communications ramp!

Actualizarse Diariamente

<https://thenevadaindependent.com/articles/enespanol>




Other Recommendations

- Things will move fast & unexpectedly
 - Keep your notifications on
- NELIS is fantastic but always have your internal bill tracker (and update it daily!)
- Don't forget to submit testimony to the committee secretary!
- Personal stories are powerful testimony

Useful Links

NELIS: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021>

- ◆ Bookmark this & ensure you're viewing the correct session

NV Legislative website:

- ◆ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

NV Leg Youtube channel

- ◆ <https://www.youtube.com/c/NVLeg/videos>


Diagram of NV's legislative process

- ◆ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Publications/LegManual/2019/AppC.pdf>

NV legislative terminology glossary

- ◆ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/publications/LegManual/2019/AppF.pdf>

Conclusion



Thanks for tuning in!
Any questions?

