

## Legislative Status Report – Item 12 F (As of May 4, 2009)

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**DEPARTMENT TRACKING** - The Department is currently tracking 48 bills or resolutions and 4 bill draft requests. The bill topics range from technical legislation that concerns all state agencies such as public records, open meeting law, state financial administration, to bills that might affect NDOW operations such as law enforcement related bills, and of course, wildlife-related legislation. Additionally, the department has been asked to prepare 16 fiscal notes to date. Several deadlines have passed, and below is the status of legislation that was previously discussed at the Special Wildlife Commission Meeting in April:

**UPCOMING DEADLINES** - Upcoming deadlines for non-exempt bills include: May 15 – deadline for bills to pass through the floor of the Second House, May 22-Second House Passage, May 30-Conference Reports to Drafting.

### **SENATE BILLS**

**SB 42 (Public Works Bill)** was amended and passed by Senate Government Affairs Committee and the full Senate, and was heard on Apr 24th by the Assembly Government Affairs Committee.

**SB108 (Mining claim posts)** was amended and passed out of the full Senate. It was heard and passed out of Assembly Natural Resources Committee on April 27th.

**SB146 (War on Cheatgrass position)** was heard by Senate Finance Committee and passed with amendments. The bill is exempt.

**SB280 (Carson Lake and Pasture)** was amended and passed out of Senate Natural Resources Committee, and passed the full Senate. It moves onto Assembly Natural Resources Committee and will be heard May 4th.

**SB394 (OHV registration bill)** This bill was amended another time to address DMV concerns, and passed out of Senate Energy, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee. It was re-referred to Senate Finance to address its fiscal costs and will be heard on May 5th.

**SB411 (Law Enforcement language cleanup)** this is a new bill which proposes clean-up language concerning hunting and fishing law enforcement in order to resolve confusion and help the public's understanding of the law, the implementation of enforcement, and where applicable, resolve confusion for prosecutors during the justice process. This will be heard in Senate Finance on Apr 29th.

### **ASSEMBLY BILLS**

**AB18 (Funding for Tahoe EIP)** an exempt bill, this has been heard by Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

**AB73 (NDOW's boating bill)** was taken off the Chief Clerks' Desk and amended to require persons driving a boat/vessel which tows to be 16 years old (up from 14), with the exception of a 14 year old (up

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from 12) if an 18 year old is in the boat (down from 21). It also amends the minimum age of an observer of the skier to be 14 (up from 12), with the exception of a 12 year old (up from 10) if an 18 year old (down from 21) is in the boat. It still eliminates the bells and whistles language. With these amendments it passed the full Assembly, and will be heard in Senate Natural Resources on Apr 30<sup>th</sup>.

**AB77 (NDOW's anti-poaching bill)** died for lack of a hearing.

**AB171 (Fish pedicure bill)** died for lack of a hearing.

**AB183 (Silver State Tag)** The Wildlife Commission's amendment (which was approved at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting) was submitted. The bill passed through committee with this amendment, and was re-referred to Assembly Ways and Means. The bill died due to the April 21<sup>st</sup> deadline; however, we have heard that this bill may be resurrected.

**AB194 (Wildlife guide bill)** passed out of Assembly Natural Resources Committee with another amendment, and out of the full Assembly. This bill was heard by the Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 23rd.

**AB241 (40% of Heritage money requirement)** died for lack of a hearing.

**AB246 (Apprentice Hunting License)** passed out of committee with the author's amendment and was re-referred to Assembly Ways and Means to address the fiscal costs, and will be heard on May 4th. It is exempt.

**AB362 (Regarding the \$3 fee)** this bill was further amended to read the "any program developed or wildlife management activity or research conducted must be developed or conducted under the guidance of the Commission", and passed out of Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the full Assembly. It was heard in Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 23rd.

**AB437 ("Dream Tag")** died for lack of a hearing.

**AB516 (Wildlife Account)** was further amended to read that any fees for the sale of stamps, tags, permits and licenses and any matching money from any source must be used "under guidance of the Commission", and passed out of Assembly Natural Resources Committee and the full Assembly. It was heard in Senate Natural Resources Committee on April 23rd.