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<b>LEGISLATION APPROVED BY GOVERNOR</b>			
*AB13-child firearm	Revises provisions relating to certain offenses committed by juveniles involving hunting activities or target practice. (BDR 5-470) / (NDOW Bill,	Approved by the Governor. Effective March 1, 2012.	(LE) Review language for education and implementation in the field. (Con Ed) include
*AB167-Aquatic Invasive Species.	Enacts provisions for the protection of the waters of this State from aquatic invasive species. (BDR 45-847) / (Support - necessary for NDOW to have effective AIS Program.) EXEMPT, 2/3.	Approved by the Governor June 15th. Effective date: Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and (b) On January 1, 2012 for all other purposes.	(Fisheries/LE/Operations) Sec. 4. - Prepare regulations for the following: for Commission declaring certain species invasive and certain species injurious, declaring certain waters impaired, and specifying decontamination procedures. Sec. 6 - Prepare regulations to implement AIS fees.
*AB19-Interstate fishing (2/3 Majority req'd on floor)	Revises provisions governing the issuance of certain fishing licenses and permits. (BDR 45-471) / (NDOW Bill, support.)	Approved by the Governor. Effective May 29, 2011 for the purpose of adopting any regulations required to carry out the provisions of NRS 502.077, as amended by section 1 of this act, and March 1, 2012, for all other purposes.	(Ops/Con Ed) Ops prepare regulations for implementation and work with Con Ed to advertise and update application.
*AB307-Energy fee for Wildlife.	Requires the monitoring of the effects of certain energy development projects on wildlife. (BDR 45-872). Support EXEMPT. (2/3).	Approved by the Governor June 15th. Effective Date: Sec. 12. The Department of Wildlife shall, before October 1, 2011, adopt any regulations which are required by or necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.	(Habitat /Dir Off) In coming weeks, work with Energy office and Governor's Office on regulations to adopt. (Note: The formal adoption process is by the Department, not Commission, so this would be a separate mtg.)
*AB503-Habitat Conservation Program. DECLARED EXEMPT.	Revises certain provisions governing the conservation of habitat for wildlife. (BDR 45-1091). (Support- Allows Habitat Conservation Fee money to be used up to 18% on monitoring).	Enrolled and Delivered to Governor. Eff. July 1, 2011.	(Chiefs/Dir Off/FSS) Consider this language when planning work.
*AB525-Wildlife Trust Fund. EXEMPT	Creates the Wildlife Trust Fund. (BDR 45-1213)NDOW bill. (Support).	Enrolled and Delivered to Governor. Sections 1-14 and 16-22, Effective July 1, 2011	(Dir Off/FSS) Working group on how to use and advertise this new non-executive budget Gift Fund.
*ACR3-Sagegrouse protection resolution.	Urges proactive protection and restoration of the population and habitat of the greater sage grouse in Nevada. (BDR R-214). Support.	Approved by Governor, delivered to Secretary of State. This resolution becomes effective upon passage.	(Dir Off) Send copy of this and all sage grouse legislation that passes to USFWS.
*SB102-Shed Antlers /Poaching Civil Penalties	Requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations for the taking of shed antlers. (BDR 45-764), and amended to include civil liabilities for big game poaching. (Support)	Approved by Governor June 4th. Effective June 4, 2011, for the purpose of adopting the regulations required by section 2 and October 1, 2011, for all other purposes.	(LE) prepare regulations for shed antler collection.
*SB226-Trapping	Requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt certain regulations governing the trapping of fur-bearing mammals in certain counties. (BDR 45-975). (Support enrolled version).	Approved by Governor June 3rd. Effective June 3, 2011, for the purpose of adopting any regulations required by the amendatory provisions of this act. Effective January 1, 2013, for all other purposes.	(LE/Ops/Dir Off) prepare regulations for trapping in congested areas.
AB217-Cleanup Gun sales interstate law	Repeals provisions governing the interstate sale of certain firearms. (BDR 52-596) (Would help Federal Aid from Pittman-Robertson dollars because of gun sales excise tax.) Neutral.	Approved by Governor, Effective July 1, 2011	NA
AB240-Former employees	Revises provisions governing contracts for services entered into by certain public employers. (BDR 23-149). Watch.	Enrolled and Delivered to Governor. Effective July 1.	(Ops /FSS) consider this when contracting with former employees.

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AB242 -Orgs that get state \$	Requires a quasi-public organization that receives money from a state agency to make available certain information. (BDR 31-67) Neutral.	Approved by the Governor June 10th, Effective June 10, 2011, and expires by limitation July 31, 2013.	<b>(FSS)</b> consider this with Heritage Project winners/contracts whom are granted State money.
AB257-Public Comment Periods	Revises provisions relating to the Open Meeting Law. (BDR 19-107). (Watch - Would require add'l public comment periods prior to each item)	<u>Enrolled and Delivered to Governor.</u> Effective July 1, 2011.	<b>(Dir Off/Commission chair)</b> Review bill effects with DAGs before preparing August Commission agenda.
<u>AB322</u> - Commission/Dream Tag	Revises provisions relating to wildlife. (BDR 45-150) Neutral.	<u>Approved by the Governor June 10th.</u> Sections 1, 2, and 4 of this act become effective upon passage and approval. Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2011,	<b>(Ops)</b> in coming weeks, put together working group to begin preparing regulations for Dream Tag implementation, along with Community Foundation.
<u>AB37-Small offices not req'd to work thru lunch</u>	Revises provisions relating to the hours of operation of state offices. (BDR 23-422) / (Support- Would help Operations Div. at small, rural locations as there is minimal staff there.)	Approved by Governor, Effective July 1.	<b>(Ops)</b> consider this for implementation at smaller NDOW offices.
<u>AB402-Credit card acceptance</u>	Requires a state agency to enter into or participate in a contract to allow it to accept credit cards, debit cards or electronic transfers of money to the agency unless it is impracticable for the agency to do so. (BDR 31-968). NDOW had Fiscal Note. EXEMPT. Neutral.	<u>Approved by the Gov June 15th. Effective January 1, 2012.</u>	<b>(Ops)</b> for your information. Already pursuing this so just review the fiscal note.
<u>AB419- Critical groundwater mgmt plans. DECLARED EXEMPT</u>	Revises provisions relating to groundwater basins. (BDR 48-299). Watch	<u>Approved by the Governor June 4th. Effective July 1, 2011.</u>	<b>(Ops/Habitat/Fisheries)</b> review and note any over pumping that affects wildlife. Review water rights' dates and consider changes.
<u>AB553-PERS Premiums</u>	Revises provisions governing subsidies for the coverage of certain persons under the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR 23-1222). Watch.	<u>Approved by the Governor June 17th. Effective July 1, 2011.</u>	NA
<u>AB580-General Fund appropriations</u>	Makes various changes regarding state financial administration and makes appropriations for the support of the civil government of the State. (BDR S-1318). (General Fund Appropriation Bill - see page 9 for Wildlife)	<u>Passed Senate and Assembly floor June 5th. To Assembly Enrollment, then to Governor.</u>	<b>(FSS/Diversity/Fisheries)</b> review.
<u>SB438-Tahoe EIP. EXEMPT</u>	Requires the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-97) (Support - NDOW implements some of these projects).	<u>Approved by the Governor June 16th. Effective July 1, 2011.</u>	<b>(Diversity)</b> Tahoe EIP funded.
<u>SB503-State agency budgets</u>	Authorizes expenditures by agencies of the State Government. (BDR S-1315)	<u>Approved by the Governor June 14th.</u>	<b>(FSS/Dir Off/Chiefs)</b> Budget funded.
<u>SB505-State Employee Pay bill</u>	Provides for compensation of state employees. (BDR S-1317). (Page16 Sec. 3 is 2.5% pay cut for all, p17 Sec. 4 is 48 hrs furlough a fiscal year = Six 8hr furloughs).	<u>Approved by the Governor June 14th.</u>	<b>(All)</b> Await direction from State Personnel on how to adjust NDOW Furlough Policy.
<u>SCR1-Working Group support</u>	Expresses support for the Pine Forest Wilderness Study Area Working Group. (BDR R-213). Support.	Enrolled and delivered to Secretary of State. File No. 35. This resolution becomes effective upon passage.	NA
<u>SJR4-Multiple use</u>	Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning federal public lands in Nevada. (BDR R-212). Support.	Enrolled and delivered to Secretary of State. File No. 32. This resolution becomes effective upon passage.	NA

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<b>DEAD BILLS</b>			
<u>AB64</u> - Revoke licenses of parents of truant kids.	Revises provisions governing education. (BDR 34-302). Would require NDOW to revoke licenses of parents who kids are habitual truants/ No fiscal impact, neutral. Commission neutral/ amend out license revocation out like Washoe Public Defender recommended.) Eligible for exemption.	<u>DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.</u>	NA
<u>AB159</u> -Public Records (immediately)	Revises provisions relating to public records. (BDR 19-574) / (see problems with these changes, as other agencies do.). Watch.	<u>DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.</u>	NA
<u>AB329</u> - Defines the term "wildlife" water law.	Defines the term "wildlife" for certain provisions of law relating to water. (BDR 48-312). Support.	<u>DEAD - missed May 20th deadline.</u> (SNR refer to Interim Public Lands Committee.)	NA
<u>AB342</u> -no newspaper notice req'd	Authorizes the State and local governments to publish material electronically in lieu of in a newspaper in certain circumstances. (BDR 19-271). <i>Neutral</i>	<u>DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.</u>	NA
<u>AB347</u> - Deer Tag bill. (2/3 Majority req'd on floor.)	Requires the Department of Wildlife to make certain tags for hunting deer available annually. (BDR 45-977) fiscal note. Oppose/due to fiscal impact and negative affect on general public deer hunting opportunity .	<u>DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.</u>	NA
<u>AB378</u> -Carcass as meat.	Authorizes a charitable organization to possess and transport the carcass of a game mammal for inspection and processing under certain circumstances. (BDR 45-52). Fiscal Impact. Oppose/Concerned due to health risks and implementation.	<u>DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.</u>	NA
<u>AB403</u> -temp regs permanent, no Leg. Comm.	Requires the adoption of certain permanent regulations. (BDR S-974). Watch	<u>DEAD - Failed Deadline May 20th.</u> (Senate Gov't Affairs)	NA
<u>AB474</u> -Sunset commissions. EXEMPT	Creates the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to review certain boards and commissions. (BDR 18-889) (Similar to AB406, and SB251,). Eligible for exemption. Watch.	<u>DEAD - No action by Sine Die.</u> Assembly Government Affairs held hearing 6pm, on Apr 14th amended and passed. Referred to Ways and Means, withdrawn, Referred to Sen. Legislative Operations and Elections, awaiting hearing. (See 1st Reprint) Conf Committee.	NA
<u>AB479</u> -Changes schedule to 4-10 work weeks. (DECLARED EXEMPT)	Revises provisions governing the hours of operation of state offices and the hours of employment of state employees. (BDR 23-890) Neutral.	<u>DEAD - No action by Sine Die.</u> Was heard in Assem. Gov't Affairs, referred to Ways and Means.	NA
<u>AB522</u> - Question 1 Bond Reauthorization. Declared EXEMPT.	Authorizes the issuance of bonds for projects and programs to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of this State. (BDR S-1211) Support.	<u>DEAD - No Action by Sine Die.</u> Hearing held in Ways and Means.	NA
<u>SB359</u> - Government vendors need certain stipulations.	Revises provisions relating to contracts with a governmental entity. (BDR 23-973) EXEMPT, CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE. Watch	<u>DEAD - No action by Sine Die.</u> Senate Floor approved May 28, Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.	NA

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SB56-DOIT BILL	Revises provisions governing the entities required to use the services and equipment of the Department of Information Technology. (BDR 19-426) Concerned. Commission opposed.	<u>DEAD - missed Apr 15th deadline.</u>	NA
*SCR9-(Wind on Table Mtn)	Expresses opposition to the location of a proposed wind power project on Mount Wilson and Table Mountain. (BDR R-1286) Support.	Approved by SNR June 4th, but never reported to the Senate Floor. DEAD	
SJR12 (opposes wild land designation)	Expresses opposition to the designation of certain public lands as Wild Lands and urges the Secretary of the Interior to rescind the order requiring that designation. (BDR R-1113). Watch	<u>DEAD - Failed May 20 Deadline. (Assembly)</u>	NA
SJR5-Wild Horse mgmt	Expresses opposition to certain proposed actions concerning wild horse and burro herds on federal public lands in Nevada and urges Congress to take certain actions concerning those herds. (BDR R-215). Support.	<u>DEAD - Failed May 20 Deadline. (Assembly)</u>	NA