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AB018	Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (NRS 218.53871)	Authorizes the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects for Lake Tahoe for 2009-2019. (EXEMPT)	<u>Approved by the Governor Jun 3, 2009.</u>	Diversity Division / Supported, this supports a Diversity employee at Tahoe. Effective July 1, 2009.	
AB073	Wildlife, Department of	Makes various changes to provisions governing watercraft. (BDR 43-345)	<u>Passed both houses with same amendment - Approved by Governor, effective January 1, 2010.</u>	Law Enforcement Boating/Support. Also will affect Con Ed-Publications	Education to public on new rules taking effect Jan 2010.
AB183	Goicoechea, Carpenter, Grady, Smith, Aizley, Bobzien, Goedhart, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hogan, Munford, Ohrenschall, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Rhoads	Authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish an additional kind of drawing for the existing allotment of big game tags and wild turkey tags. (BDR 45-76)	<u>Died due to deadline, but amended into AB246.</u>	Director's Off, Con Ed., Enforcement, Operations, FSS	
AB194	Assemblyman Goicoechea	Revises the provisions governing the licensing and regulation of wildlife guides and sub guides.	<u>Approved by Governor, Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, 9 and 10 of this act effective October 1, 2009 (Child support delinquents and paternity notice)</u>	Law Enforcement/Support	Education to public on new rules taking effect Oct 2009
AB243	Assemblypersons Mastroluca, Parnell, Denis, Smith, and Woodhouse	Requires certain employers to grant leave to parents, guardians and custodians of children to participate in certain school activities. (BDR 34-670)	<u>Approved by the Governor. Effective August 15, 2009.</u>	Operations-HR. All Division Supervisors. Requires that employers of 50 or more employees grant 4 hrs leave, not req'd to be paid leave.	Education to Employees by Supervisors.

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AB246	Assemblyman Bobzien	Makes various changes relating to hunting. (BDR 45-512)Exempt.	Apprentice License bill (effective on October 1, 2009.) Amended and passed both houses to include the Silver State Tag (effective July 1, 2009) and revised Dream Tag bill (effective upon passage and approval.) <u>Vetoed, and Overridden. (See SB411 for additional amendments.)</u>	Wildlife Commission, Director's Off,Con Ed., Law Enforcement, Operations, Game,FSS/Support	Licensing, Con Ed. to implement new apprentice license and programming & bring NAC regulations to implement. Commission to set implementation through NAC for Apprentice License and Dream Tag. Silver State Tag optional, would need to set implementation through NAC, and programming.
AB303	Assemblyman Goedhart	Revises provisions governing distribution of federal money received by Nevada from lease of federal lands. (Exempt.)	<i>Watch. Heard in <u>Committee on Ways and Means, No movement.</u></i>	Habitat	
AB352	Mortenson , Segerblom	Makes various changes relating to the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. (BDR 22-488)	<u>Support. Bill became law pursuant to Nevada Constitution Article 4, Section 35.) Effective July 1, 2009</u>	Of interest to Habitat and Diversity Divisions	
AB362	Assemblyman Claborn	Revises provisions governing the use of certain fees charged for processing an application for a game tag. (BDR 45-709)	<u>Passed both houses, same version. Approved by Governor Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Effects Commission, Game, Habitat, FSS, Director's Office. Changes NRS 502.253 (3) to reiterate that the Commission has guidance over any program developed or wildlife management activity or research conducted from monies collected by the \$3 predator fee pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 501.181.	Commission continues to give guidance.
AB437	Smith, Bobzien , Kirkpatrick , Buckley , Ocegüera	Provides for the issuance and sale of big game tags to be known as "Dream Tags." (BDR 45-94)	<i>Died due to deadline, never heard, <u>but, amended into AB246.</u></i>		
AB480	Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	Increases the fee that is authorized to be imposed for intercounty and interstate transfers of groundwater.	<u>Amended and passed by both houses. Governor vetoed. (Overridden)</u>	Of interest to Operations-Engineer, Habitat, Diversity Divisions. Raises fees charged by the State Engineer, incl. penalty fees.	

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AB516	Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining (Claborn)	Revises provisions regarding wildlife funding.	<u>Passed both houses, same version. Approved by Governor Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Effects Commission, Game, Habitat, Director's Office, FSS. Changes NRS 501.356 (4) to provide that any matching money received by the Department from any source must be accounted for separately and must be used only for the management of wildlife. It also reiterates that the Commission has guidance over monies from the sale or issuance of a license, permit or tag (other than the PIW or Heritage) which are deposited in the Wildlife Account, pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 501.181.	Commission continues to give guidance.
AB526	Administration, Department of	Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds to carry out the environmental improvement program for the Lake Tahoe Basin. Exempt.	<i>Very similar to AB18. Not heard in Assem. Ways and Means committee. No movement.</i>	Diversity	
AB548	Ways and Means	Revises the provisions governing the fees charged by certain governmental entities for accepting payments by credit cards, debit cards and electronic transfers of money. (BDR 31-1178) DECLARED EXEMPT	<u>Approved by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Of interest to Credit Card Team should we implement credit card acceptance. The charge per transaction is limited. This bill allow each state agency and local government to aggregate credit card fees over the period of a fiscal year to determine the maximum amount that may be charged per transaction (convenience fee).	
AB562	Ways and Means	Makes various changes regarding state financial administration and makes appropriations for the support of the civil government of the State. (BDR S-1318)	<u>Vetoed by Governor, Overridden. Effective Sections 38, 66 to 69 and 70, inclusive, of this act effective June 1, 2009. Sections 1 to 37, inclusive, and 39 to 65, inclusive, of this act effective July 1, 2009</u>	All Divisions, FSS. Authorizes all State agencies budgets for 09-11, includes requirement for NDOW to create new budget accounts for 10-11, splitting out accounts.	Approved budget, also requires splitting out accounts budget accounts for 10-11.
AJR10	Assemblywoman Buckley	AJR: Urges Congress to cause BLM land in Nevada that is suitable for developing renewable energy projects to be deeded to the State of Nevada to jumpstart new renewable energy projects.	<u>Passed by both full houses, same version. Effective May 15, 2009. (A letter will be drafted)</u>	Of interest to Habitat	

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SB031	Purchasing Division-Administration	Consolidates the provisions governing state procurement of services with the independent contractor provisions and authorizes the State Board of Examiners to delegate administrative approval for certain contracts.	<u>Approved by Governor, Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Effects FSS-Purchasing, Operations-Engineer.	Appears to allow state agencies to skip BOE for work of construction or major repairs of state buildings. Further clarification will come from State Purchasing.
SB038	Agriculture, State Department of	Revises the provisions governing the expiration date of Restricted-Use Pesticide Certifications.	<u>Approved by the Governor, Effective April 22, 2009</u>	Effects Habitat	Extends pesticide certification for those at WMAs.
SB042	Joint BDR, (DCNR, NDOT, NDOW)	Transfers final authority over the acceptance of certain public buildings and structures from the State Public Works Board to the deputy manager for compliance and code enforcement. (BDR 28-326)	<u>Amend and Do passed full Senate, on Assembly Chief Clerk's Desk. Died May 22nd deadline.</u>	Effects Dep. Dir, Operations-Engineer /Support, Amendment would have exempted NDOW, NDOT, and Parks from scrutiny by Public Works for certain buildings.	Without its passage, may need to go through PW Code Compliance. Further clarification to come from State Administration Division.
SB046	Department of Personnel	Authorizes use of alternative delivery systems for notification of state employees regarding personnel actions.	<u>Do pass the full Senate, heard in Assembly Gov't Affairs. Died due to deadline.</u>	Effects Operations-HR. Support. This BDR was a direct result of an adverse Personnel action we took some time ago regarding an employee in the LV office. Kris addressed a concern to DoP regarding the timelines of formal communications with such employees (Haughian).	Without its passage, may not be able to use 3rd party courier. Further clarification to come from Personnel.
SB057	Sen. Commerce and Labor	Makes various changes relating to veterinary medicine. (BDR 54-419). Exempt.	<u>Passed and amended in Senate Committee, re-referred to Senate Finance. No movement.</u>	Of interest to Game-Vet/Support. This would be good for all concerned and would make it easier to entice qualified vets to the state because it will get rid of the excessive examination requirements currently in place.(Atkinson).	
SB103	Public Employees' Benefits Program	Makes various changes concerning the Public Employees' Benefits Program.	<u>Approved by the Governor.</u> (Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, 11 to 19, inclusive, and 20 effective July 1, 2009. Section 9 expires by limitation October 31, 2009. Section 10 effective November 1, 2009.)	Effects some employees, Operations- HR	More clarification will come from PEPB

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SB105	Sen. Government Affairs	Revises the provisions governing the matching funds required for grants made by the Board for Financing Water Projects	<u>Approved by the Governor. Effective on July 1, 2009</u>	Of interest to Habitat. If the language "for other purposes" is interpreted loosely, we may have use of that money for water-related projects even if they are not for drinking water.	
SB108	Legislative Committee on Public Lands	Requires the placement of solid markers on mining claims.	<u>Senate Concur with the Assembly's version. Approved by Governor, effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Habitat, Diversity. HIGH/Support. Requires removal of all plastic claims starting in 2011, If removed before then requires disposal of plastic markers until 2011.	NDOW Diversity staff as they have been doing, may coordinate with Audubon Society to help to remove mining claim markers and dispose of.
SB110	Legislative Committee on Public Lands	Authorizes the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations specifying a schedule of administrative fines for certain violations relating to noxious weeds	<u>Passed full Senate, heard in Assem. Nat Resources. Failed due to Deadline.</u>	Of interest to Habitat, Diversity	
SB146	Senate Committee on Finance	Provides funding to the Department of Wildlife for habitat restoration and wildfire prevention. Exempt.	<u>Approved by Governor, effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Effects Habitat, Director's Office, FSS, Ops-HR/Support. worked closely with DCNR and NGOs. Provides \$225K over the biennium to create and fund a coordinator position with DCNR's Q1 interest.	New position paperwork by HR and Habitat
SB204	Senator Rhoads	Revises provisions governing notification of applications for permits to appropriate water.	<u>Amend and Do Pass from Senate, in Assembly Government Affairs. Died due to deadline.</u>	Of interest to Habitat, Diversity	
SB222	Senator Hardy	Makes various changes to provisions relating to state financial administration and the acquisition of property	<u>Passed from full Senate and Assembly Committee, on Assembly Chief Clerk's Desk. Failed May 22nd Deadline.</u>	Would have mandated the State to advertise for proposals to encourage competition before entering into a Lease-Purchase agreement.	
SB267	Senator Wiener	Makes various changes concerning the procedure for adopting administrative regulations and the requirements of the Open Meeting Law.	<u>Approved by the Governor. Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	All Divisions who make regulations, Commission. Require that all state agencies wait for regulation language from LCB before approving at their board.	Will require additional planning and time for regulations to come back from LCB before putting on Commission Agenda for workshop and approval.

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SB280	Senator McGinness	Enacts provisions governing hunting in the Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area. (BDR 45-156)	<u>Approved by the Governor, effective July 1, 2010 or when NDOW acquires Carson Lake Pasture.</u>	Effects Habitat, Diversity, Directors Office, Commission/Support, Would continue the practice of charging a fee at Carson Lake & Pasture, once this property is transferred to NDOW.	Will incorporate this into the area comprehensive plan for that area, plan for staffing at that location, and establish that fee in regulation.
SB332	Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation	Revises provisions governing vehicles owned or operated by certain governmental entities. (BDR 43-1147)	<u>Approved by the Governor June 4. Effective Sections 14 to 47, inclusive, subsection 1 of section 48 and 49 effective June 4, 2009 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 January 1, 2010, for all other purposes. Sections 1 to 12, inclusive, and subsection 2 of section 48 effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Effects Operations, FSS. Authorizes the Environmental Commission to define "alternative fuel", changes definition of fleet to 50 or more (instead of 10 or more), and states that the air can be improved with use of alt. and clean vehicles.	If passed, need further clarification from State Purchasing Division and Dept of Administration.
SB367	Administration, Department of	Makes various changes to the provisions governing the Public Employees' Retirement System. Exempt.	Heard in Senate Finance -no action.	Operations-HR, Director	
SB394	Legislative Committee on Public Lands	Requires registration and titling of off-highway vehicles.	Senate concurred with Assembly version, <u>Vetoed by Governor, Overridden by both houses.</u>	Effects Law Enforcement, Dir Off., Habitat, Diversity. Provides for registration of OHV by DMV, and all peace officers may enforce. OHV Fund must grant 20% for law enforcement. The start of registration is delayed until \$500K is available in the Revolving Account for the Assistance of the DMV for startup costs.	Director will nominate a list of sportsmen for potential appointment by Governor (July 1, 2010) for one seat on OHV Commission, and select a staff person to serve as a non-voting technical advisor. Once registration begins, Law Enforcement may begin education on the law and the possible enforcement of checking registration.

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SB396	Committee on Judiciary	Revises provisions governing an investigation of a peace officer by a law enforcement agency.	Amended and passed from full Senate. <u>Senate concurs. Vetoed by the Governor on June 9, 2009.</u>	LE, Ops-HR/Opposed. Hearings for probationary officers, investigations.	Further clarification from Dept. of Personnel will be coming.
SB411	Administration, Department of	Revises provisions governing the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses to provide clarification for law enforcement. Exempt.	<i>Conference Committee, replaced the trapping amendments with an amendment to AB246, to change the Dream Tag portion, changed "shall" to "may", replaced wildlife with game, plus 8 clean-up changes. <u>Approved by the Governor June 4. Sections 6.2 to 6.8, inclusive, and 7 effective (Dream Tag and Apprentice) June 4, 2009. Sections 1 to 6, inclusive effective January 1, 2010 (LE portion).</u></i>	LE, Ops./Support. Removes loophole for non-residents to get resident licenses, and other provisions having to do with residency fraud. Also, made changes to AB246's Dream Tag portion:	Education about new law to licensees and public for Jan 1, 2010 effective date. (For Dream Tag portion see above column in AB246.)
SB415	Administration, Department of	Establishes state's share of the costs of premiums or contributions for group insurance for active and retired participants in the Public Employees' Benefits Program. DECLARED EXEMPT	<u>Governor vetoed, Overridden.</u>	Ops-Human Resources , FSS. Will limit the amount that the State will pay for benefits (to \$626.52 per month in 09-10, and \$680.84 per month for 10-11)...thus increasing employees and retirees premiums. Effective July 1, 2009 through 2011. (HR Comments: have not heard anything specific on how insurance will/will not be cut. We do know that the cost to employees will go up and it may be somewhat substantial.)	Further clarification from Dept. of Personnel and PEBP will be coming.
SB421	Administration, Department of	Suspends merit and longevity pay of state employees. Exempt.	<u>Approved by the Governor. Chapter 276. Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Ops-Human Resources, FSS. This would eliminate merit and longevity pay for all employees starting July 1, 2009 and last until the end of the biennium 2011.	
SB427	Finance	Revises provisions governing the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-1290)	<u>Approved by the Governor, effective for those hired after January 1, 2010.</u>	Ops-Human Resources. Increases the age at which new employees who start on or after January 1, 2010, are eligible to retire with at least 10 years of service from 60 years to 62 years. Also other provisions that reduce benefits for those hired after Jan 1, 2010.	Further clarification from Dept. of Personnel and PERS.

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SB431	Finance	Authorizes expenditures by agencies of the State Government. (BDR S-1317) DECLARED EXEMPT	<u>Governor vetoed, Overridden. Effective July 1, 2009.</u>	Director, FSS. Authorizes all state agencies budgets for 09-11, includes requirement for NDOW to split out accounts.	
SB433	Finance	Provides for salaries of certain state employees and provides for furloughs for certain public employees. (BDR S-1323) Exempt.	<u>Governor vetoed, Overridden.</u>	Will effect all employees. Pay and furlough bill for all state employees: Classified required to take 12 days (or 96 hours a year in any combination) of unpaid furlough each year. Unclassified req'd to take 1 day (8 hrs) per month unpaid furlough. Until 2011, with triggers to reduce those days if economy recovers. Holds harmless in the accumulation of retirement service credit and reported salary. Will still need to cover 8-5, M-F. (HR Comments: the "anti-spiking" language that only allows a 10% increase to be considered for retirement benefits flies in the face of the promotion rule.	Further instruction from Dept. of Personnel and Dept of Administration will come, and NDOW employees should await direction from Deputy Director.
SCR2	Legislative Committee to oversee Western Regional Water Comm.	Encourages entities that are engaged in monitoring the water quality of the Truckee River to coordinate certain activities.	<i>Passed - resolution becomes effective. (They'll draft a letter)</i>	Of interest to Fisheries, Habitat, Diversity as it relates to the MOU.	
SJR2	Senate Natural Resources	Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas. (BDR R-604)	<i>(Just a resolution, not law changing) urging congress not to enact legislation concerning public lands without the support of the affected counties. <u>Passed both full houses to enrollment. (They'll draft a letter)</u></i>	Of interest to Habitat, Directors Office	