



2023 Legislative Session – Final Report

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Adjournment *sine die* of the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature was on June 5, followed by two special sessions through June 14, but for NSHE faculty it wasn't finally resolved until June 30 when the Board of Regents approved the 12% cost-of-living adjustment for NSHE academic and administrative faculty effective July 1.

We thank legislative leadership for the historic compensation package for state employees in AB522, Governor Lombardo for signing the bill, the institutional Presidents and acting Chancellor for recommending the full 12% for faculty (after some pushed for lower percentages), and the Board of Regents for the final approval. But we can also thank our union partners who lobbied alongside us, and our NFA members for actively supporting our advocacy in the legislature, for communicating with their Presidents, and for showing up at the Board of Regents. At their meeting on June 30 there were over 65 written public comments, an hour of oral comment, and individual regents reported receiving over 100 emails from NFA members and other faculty. Collective action bears fruit!

NFA Advocacy at the 2023 Legislature

The NFA had a near-daily presence during the legislative session from state President Kent Ervin along with several multi-day visits and remote testimony by NFA-UNLV President and NFA Government Affairs Committee Chair Doug Unger. Many appointments were held with individual legislators about NFA's legislative priorities (see the attached one-page flyer) and we had weekly meetings with legislative leadership and our public employee and labor partners. Kent Ervin, Doug Unger, and AAUP's Shawn Fields also met weekly for a strategy session. NFA's primary session focus was on AB224, our bill to establish collective bargaining for NSHE professional employees, but we also followed over 100 other bills along with budget, compensation, and benefits issues. Over 50 NFA members joined the NFA Legislative Action Team e-list and were active in contacting legislators and giving public testimony. The attached table lists the bills that we tracked during the session and indicates NFA positions and testimony.

Employee Compensation

The Sisolak administration proposed 10% + 5% (FY2024 + FY2205) COLAs for all state employees, but Governor Lombardo's executive budget (GovRec) reduced that to 8% + 4% and added retention bonuses of \$500 per quarter. AB268 implemented the bonuses for the first two quarters of 2023, but as introduced it was underfunded for NSHE. The Assembly Ways & Means Committee removed NSHE professional employees from the bill, then the Senate Finance Committee added NSHE faculty back but with a \$3.5M block grant that allowed the bonuses to be paid only for faculty with salaries up to \$120,000.

On March 30, the joint money committees announced a historic compensation package for state employees, eventually implemented as SB440 for April to June 2023 and as AB522 for the new biennium, with a 2 % COLA on April 1, an additional 10% on July 1, 2023, and an additional 4% on July 1, 2023, retention bonuses of \$250/quarter, and longevity pay, all for both Classified employees and NSHE faculty. In addition, a portion of PERS employee retirement contributions would be picked up by the state, equivalent to an additional 7% increase in take-home pay for Classified employees and faculty on PERS, but not for NSHE faculty in the NSHE/TIAA Retirement Plan Alternative. SB440, later amended to include only retroactive payment of arbitration rulings for Classified bargaining units, was vetoed by Governor Lombardo as was AB498, which implemented the PERS contribution changes. The Governor did sign AB522 (the “pay bill”, one of five essential budget bills), to which the legislature had added an extra 7% COLA in FY2025 in the event that AB498 was not enacted. That means most state employees are receiving COLAs of 12% on 7/1/2023 and 11% on 7/1/2024, historic increases though only covering inflation over the past few years. However, when the pay bill (AB522) was introduced on May 22, the COLAs for NSHE faculty and professionals and only NSHE were set at “not to exceed” 12% and 11%. This placed the responsibility on NSHE to approve and fund faculty COLAs.

The theme regarding NSHE employee compensation is that the legislature is only funding the state-funded portion of NSHE personnel budgets and expects NSHE to cover the rest through student fees and tuition, other fees, or grants. NSHE lobbied for 80% funding of COLAs for the state-supported NSHE budgets and gained Governor Lombardo’s support. An NFA-sponsored petition garnered over 2200 signatures for full funding. In the end AB522 as introduced by the money committees only funded COLAs for the state-funded portion of each budget, i.e., about 66% statewide on average instead of the usual 80% for state agencies. *From the Legislature’s perspective*, the state is actually funding 100% of the COLAs for the state-funded portion of the NSHE personnel budgets, versus 80% for wholly state-funded agencies which are expected to use salary savings from vacancies before dipping into the COLA pool. The percentage of 64% in 2019 was initially a calculation error, but the 2021 legislature made using the general-funded percentage a budget policy and the 2023 legislature maintained that policy. NSHE has not planned for funding COLAs under that budget policy.

After AB522 was signed, the NSHE Council of Presidents convened on June 12 to consider how to fund COLAs. Institutions reported that some faculty positions would have to be frozen or eliminated to fully fund the 12% COLA in FY2024, absent a student fee increase. The purported shortfall varies greatly by institution. At least one institution (UNR) advocated for reducing faculty COLAs to 10% or 8%, but a majority of the institutions and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga supported a 12% COLA for 7/1/2023, with COLAs for FY2025 and funding to be determined later. The Board of Regents met on June 30, 2023, and approved a 12% COLA effective 7/1/2023, after strong public comment advocacy from NFA members and other faculty.

Employee Benefits

NFA representatives were active in advocating for employee benefits improvements. Healthcare benefits and employee premiums from the Public Employee Benefits Program were largely held constant at FY2023 levels. The dental annual maximum was raised from \$1500 to \$2000. With one-time funding for the coming biennium, all PEBP participants will receive supplemental HSA or HRA employer contributions of \$300/year (employee), \$400/year (employee+spouse or employee+children), or \$500/year (employee+family). Basic life insurance was restored to pre-pandemic levels to \$25000 for active employees and \$15000 for retirees (from \$12500 and \$7500), also with one-time funds. There

was no action on restoring long-term disability insurance, meaning that faculty members have no income safety net if they become disabled and cannot work. Restoring long-term disability insurance will remain a top priority for future NFA advocacy.

Collective Bargaining

[AB224](#) was NFA's third attempt at placing collective bargaining rights for NSHE faculty in state law. AB224 was sponsored by Assemblywoman Sarah Peters and garnered a bipartisan list of 29 cosponsors. The hearing in Assembly Government Affairs on March 9 went very well, with minimal formal opposition. Assemblywoman Peters, Kent Ervin, and Doug Unger co-presented the bill, with testimony from Chris Sinclair from AAUP and Michael Piccinelli and Maryanne Salm from AFT. Support testimony was given by NFA members Jim New, Amy Cavanaugh, John Nolan, Scott Huber, Marlene Rebori, Ted Chodock, Patricia Vazquez, Glynda White, Louis Ortega, Christine Bergman, Laura Naumann, Steve Stolz, and Shantal Marshall; UNR and UNLV graduate students; and a number of our public employee and AFL-CIO partners. NSHE was officially "neutral" on AB224 while [testifying](#) that the bill was unconstitutional and should be gutted. Kevin Powers, LCB Senior Legal Counsel, provided a robust rebuttal to the constitutionality objection during the hearing. AB224 was voted out of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee with 11-2 bipartisan support on April 5. After that it was re-referred to the Assembly Ways & Means Committee because of fiscal notes.

NSHE submitted a \$4.2M fiscal note for the bill, later [reduced to a still highly exaggerated \\$1.9M](#), which [NFA strongly refuted](#). A fiscal note from the state Department of Human Resource Management was removed by a negotiated amendment clarifying that the state Labor Relations Unit would have no role in negotiations or support of collective bargaining at NSHE. The Office of the Attorney General submitted a fiscal note for potential legal support to NSHE, which would eventually be charged to NSHE through an assessment. AB224 was heard in the Assembly Ways & Means Committee on May 23, co-presented by Assemblywoman Peters and Kent Ervin, with testimony by Doug Unger and Jim New. On May 31, Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno of the Assembly Ways & Means Committee moved the bill forward by adding contingent appropriations to the Interim Finance Committee, to be allocated to NSHE or the Attorney General upon showing of need.

AB224 passed the Assembly with a bipartisan 31-11 vote on June 3. After a short hearing in Senate Finance on June 4, the penultimate day of the session, [AB224 as amended](#) also passed the Senate on the final day on a party-line 13-8 vote. The Republican support we expected in the Senate evaporated in end-of-session partisanship. Unfortunately, Governor Lombardo vetoed AB224 on June 16. A record number of 75 bills including several other collective bargaining bills for public employees were vetoed by the Governor. In principle, the veto could be overridden at the beginning of the 2025 session, which requires a two-thirds supermajority. The language in the Governor's veto message echoed NSHE's objections to aspects of the bill, several of which were addressed in amendments and others that indicated the Governor was misinformed about NSHE employment practices, collective bargaining in higher education, and shared governance in higher education, and which suggests that NSHE's neutral testimony and negotiations with the bill sponsor were not in good faith. NFA representatives are exploring possible follow-up actions in support of AB 224 (or another version of the bill) aimed at the 83rd Legislative session in 2025.

Student-Sponsored Bills

NSHE students, notably UNRs' ASUN Government Affairs Director and rising star Amanda Vaskov, pushed two bills through the legislature and obtained the Governor's signature. AB245 revitalizes the NSHE task force on sexual assault and enacts other provisions to reduced power-based violence on campus, including mandated training and climate surveys. AB332 is a student loan bill of rights to regulate predatory lending practices.

NSHE Budget Overview

State revenues, current and forecast, were at record levels, leaving a large current surplus along with billions in federal pandemic aid. NSHE generally did well with the budget, with the restoration of pandemic operating budget cuts, an increase in graduate student stipends, enrollment recovery funds, and \$50M in deferred maintenance in the Capital Improvements Projects bill (but no major buildings for NSHE). State general fund appropriations for the main instructional formula-based budgets at the seven education institutions increased by 9.8% on average (biennium-over-biennium). There were a large number of one-time appropriations for various NSHE programs. Budget details are listed below.

The COLA funding in AB522 amounts to up to an additional \$181M for the biennium. Nevertheless, the Legislature continued to be parsimonious with funding for NSHE professional employee compensation compared with state Classified employees, singling faculty out with "not to exceed" language for COLAs, and providing partial funding for retention bonuses. Also, funding for graduate medical education was eliminated by amendment and a bipartisan \$34M proposal for increasing the nursing pipeline was scaled back to \$20M.

Fee Waiver Bills

AB150, a bill to expand fee waivers for indigenous students with Nevada connections, was enacted with a \$430K/year appropriation—the first time the legislature has actually (partially) funded fee waivers that it has mandated. AB226 provides for in-state registration fees for DACA and other non-citizen students who are legally present in Nevada. AB279 provides a fee waiver for children of Purple Heart veterans. AB217 to provide fee waivers for homeless students did not move forward. NFA testified in support of these fee waivers on principle, with the request that they be funded by the legislature.

NSHE Governance Bills

SJR7(2021), the constitutional amendment to remove the Board of Regents and the election of Regents from the Nevada Constitution, passed both houses with broad support and will go to the voters in 2024. NSHE testified in opposition. NFA testified in neutral, expressing concerns about the protection of academic freedom.

A bill, SB347, to break up NSHE with separate boards for the colleges was heard then amended into a study and died in the Senate. NSHE and NFA opposed the bill as introduced. NFA was neutral on the bill as amended.

A bill, AB118, to reduce the number of regents from 13 to 9, phased in starting in 2028, was enacted. NSHE was opposed. NFA did not take a position.

Summary of NSHE Budget and Faculty Compensation

NSHE Budget—major items (dollar values for the biennium)

- \$74.8M restoration of pandemic operating budget cuts
- Moved ARPA position restorations to regular budget (\$46.2M/year in FY2022 and FY2023)
- (\$31.2M) caseload reduction in WSCH formula funding due to enrollment declines
- (\$12.3M) reduction in projected student fees and tuition
- \$14.7M one-time enrollment recovery funds and formula adjustments for CSN, GBC, TMCC, WNC, and NSC
- \$20M increase for graduate assistant stipends and positions at UNLV and UNR
- \$2M for summer teacher education WSCH added to formula
- \$1.2M to DRI with the elimination of the DRI funding formula
- \$8M to System Computing Services for NevadaNet upgrades (one-time)
- \$65M for deferred maintenance capital improvements (\$15M HECC/SHECC and \$50M one-time)
- \$9.2M for UNLV Med School class size increase (one-time funds but non-binding support for future appropriation in committee)
- Formula-driven instructional budgets up 9.7% in general funds overall for the biennium (table below)
- Professional school and non-formula budgets up 16% over FY2023 (p. 47 of the [budget closing document](#))
- Total NSHE budget up 15.4% biennium-over-biennium.
- Additional funding for COLAs, retention bonuses, and longevity pay in SB522.
- Additional one-time appropriations (list on next page)
- WSCH distribution formula discontinued at final budget closing.

State-appropriated funds for NSHE formula-funded instructional budgets (not including COLAs for FY2024 and FY2025)					Change for biennium
	*FY2022	*FY2023	**FY2024	**FY2025	
UNLV	180,367,661	188,138,610	209,161,530	212,055,165	14.3%
UNR	128,307,698	129,888,921	141,600,407	143,604,596	10.5%
NSC	25,581,096	25,815,872	31,014,568	31,103,180	20.9%
CSN	100,013,941	103,633,123	103,093,245	103,540,400	1.5%
GBC	14,130,910	14,872,388	14,649,803	14,718,803	1.3%
TMCC	34,327,835	35,579,629	35,544,817	35,698,145	1.9%
WNC	14,332,707	14,483,533	15,766,811	15,822,760	9.6%
Total	497,061,848	512,412,076	550,831,181	556,543,047	9.7%
General fund appropriations only. Excludes student fees and tuition. Excludes professional schools and non-formula budgets.					
*FY2022 & FY2023 amounts include state-allocated ARPA funds for positions					
**FY2024 & FY2025 from SB511 plus enrollment recovery funds and WSCH formula adjustments in AB491 and AB494					

One-shot Appropriation bills (either to implement budget or in addition)

- AB328 \$1M to UNLV BoydAB Law Immigration Clinic
- AB483 \$10M for Workforce Innovation for the New Nevada (WINN) grants (reduced from \$20M)
- AB491 Enrollment recovery one-time funds of GBC \$420K, CSN \$12.1M, and TMCC \$1.0M and WSCH formula adjustments of NSC \$298K and WNC \$855K
- AB492 \$8M to System Computing Services for NevadaNet
- AB493 \$2M for NSHE formula funding study
- AB494 \$1.6M to UNR for one-time Sierra Nevada University WSCH enrollment
- AB425 \$1M UNR Nevada Small Business Development Center
- AB525 \$750K UNLV International Gaming Institute
- SB99 \$1.2M for DRI cloud seeding program
- SB126 \$1.9M to CSN for Nevada GROW Program
- SB341 \$500K UNLV International Gaming Institute
- SB341 \$1M UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs for tourist safety initiatives
- SB342 \$8M to IFC for WICHE for Nevada students to attend Utah State veterinary med school
- SB350 \$0M for Graduate Medical Education Grants –passed without \$17M appropriation
- SB375 \$20M to expand NSHE nursing education programs (reduced from \$36M)
- SB457 \$9.2M to UNLV Medical School to expand class size
- SB486 \$6M for Nevada Promise Scholarships, \$75M for Millennium Scholarships
- AB1(35th Special Session) \$62M Deferred Maintenance
- AB1(35th Special Session) \$5.4M DRI Central Plant Chiller

State employee compensation

- AB522 pay bill:
 - Up to \$196,267,664 in appropriations for NSHE classified staff and faculty.
 - COLAs 12% on 7/1/2023 and 11% on 7/1/2024 for classified staff.
 - COLAs “not to exceed” 12% on 7/1/2023 and “not to exceed” 11% on 7/1/2024 for NSHE faculty.
 - COLAs funded for the general-fund portion of each NSHE budget, 66% on average, versus 80% for wholly state-funded agencies.
 - COLAs appropriated to the Board of Examiners, for reimbursement after using salary vacancy savings.\$250/quarter retention bonuses for biennium for classified staff and faculty.
 - Retention bonus funding for NSHE professionals limited to \$3.5M/year (enough for faculty with salaries up to about \$120K).
 - Longevity pay starting at 8 years of services for classified staff and faculty (likely also funded at 66% for state-supported budgets).
- AB498 would have changed PERS contributions but was vetoed.

Public Employees Benefits Program

- Employee premiums for FY2024 held to FY2023 amounts.
- Supplemental HSA/HRA contributions of \$300/year for employee-only, \$400/year for employee+spouse or employee+children, \$500/year for employee+family (for all plans, in addition to \$600/year for high-deductible health plan).

- Increased dental annual maximum from \$1500 to \$2000.
- Increased basic life insurance to pre-pandemic levels from \$15000 to \$25000 for active employees, \$7500 to \$12,500 for PEBP retirees (retiree benefits for pre-2012 hires only).
- Restoration of long-term disability insurance not funded.

2021 Legislative Appropriations Summary (per 2023 NSHE Operating Budget Report)					
			FY2022	FY2023	Biennium
AB	494	State Appropriated Operating Funds + ARPA	\$683,748,766	\$686,174,266	\$1,369,923,032
SB	459	State Authorization Funds - ARPA	\$381,104,314	\$392,208,957	\$773,313,271
AB	493	COLA - Professional		\$3,633,396	\$3,633,396
AB	493	COLA - Classified		\$773,459	\$773,459
AB	495	Silver State Opportunity Grant	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000
AB	355	IGI Expanding Leaders - UNLV	\$325,000	\$425,000	\$750,000
AB	376	Immigration Clinic - UNLV Boyd Law	\$150,000	\$350,000	\$500,000
SB	460	UNR Cooperative Extension Service	\$213,771	\$213,771	\$427,542
SB	310	Nevada Grow - CSN	\$193,762	\$206,238	\$400,000
		total budget including non-state revenue	\$1,066,335,613	\$1,084,585,087	\$2,150,920,700
		state appropriations only + ARPA	\$685,231,299	\$692,376,130	\$1,377,607,429
		continuing state appropriations only	\$683,748,766	\$690,581,121	\$1,374,329,887
2023 Legislative Appropriation Summary					
			FY2024	FY2025	Biennium
SB	511	State Appropriated Operating Funds	\$730,704,710	\$736,795,220	\$1,467,499,930
SB	504	State Authorization Funds	\$376,058,801	\$384,921,340	\$760,980,141
AB	491	GBC Enrollment Recovery Funds	\$209,778	\$209,778	\$419,555
AB	491	CSN Enrollment Recovery Funds	\$6,069,662	\$6,069,662	\$12,139,324
AB	491	TMCC Enrollment Recovery Funds	\$506,386	\$506,386	\$1,012,772
AB	491	WNC Enrollment Recovery Funds	\$148,959	\$148,959	\$297,917
AB	491	NSC Enrollment Recovery Funds	\$427,745	\$427,745	\$855,490
AB	494	UNR SNU WSCH	\$824,767	\$824,767	\$1,649,534
AB	522	COLA - Classified (12%+4%)	\$10,122,144	\$14,197,271	\$24,319,415
AB	522	COLA - Professional (not to exceed 12%+4%)	\$49,556,458	\$67,992,204	\$117,548,662
AB	522	COLA - Classified (7%)		\$6,683,867	\$6,683,867
AB	522	COLA - Professional (not to exceed (7%))		\$32,390,610	\$32,390,610
AB	522	Retention Incentives - Professional	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000
AB	522	Longevity Payments - Classified & Professional	\$2,618,574	\$2,903,595	\$5,522,169
AB	328	Immigration Clinic - UNLV Boyd Law	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
AB	492	System Computing Services - NevadaNet	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000
AB	493	Formula Study	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
SB	99	DRI cloud seeding program	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000
SB	126	Nevada Grow - CSN	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,900,000
SB	375	Nursing Education Expansion	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000
SB	486	UNLV Med School class size expansion	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000	\$9,200,000
		total budget including non-state revenue	\$1,202,397,983	\$1,279,221,403	\$2,481,619,386
		state appropriations only	\$826,339,182	\$894,300,063	\$1,720,639,245
		continuing state appropriations only	\$793,001,886	\$860,962,767	\$1,653,964,653
	Change		FY24/FY23	FY25/FY24	biennium
		total budget including non-state revenue	10.9%	6.4%	15.4%
		state appropriations only	19.3%	8.2%	24.9%
		continuing state appropriations only	14.8%	8.6%	20.3%
		non-state revenue authorization	-4.1%	2.4%	-1.6%



NEVADA FACULTY ALLIANCE

*Working to empower our members to be fully engaged
in our mission to help students succeed.*

- The **Nevada Faculty Alliance** is the statewide association of professional employees at the colleges and universities of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE).
- NFA is affiliated with the **American Association of University Professors**, the oldest national organization advocating for academic freedom, shared governance, and faculty rights, and the **American Federation of Teachers**, which represents over 300,000 higher education employees nationwide.
- NFA represents faculty collective bargaining units at the College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada College. NFA advocacy chapters represent faculty interests at Great Basin College, Nevada State College, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada, Reno.

Nevada Faculty Alliance Legislative Priorities for 2023

Reinvest in higher education for the common good

- Provide affordable college and university tuition for all—for academic, professional, and technical education. Higher education drives upward economic and social mobility and economic growth through development of the Nevada workforce ranging from technical careers to professionals—including teachers, nurses, engineers, doctors, dentists, lawyers, scientists, accountants, business managers, hospitality employees, public health workers, policy-makers, communications specialists and future faculty.
- Reduce student debt—through student debt relief (including for our newer faculty colleagues) and by restoring funding for public higher education.
- Following the Executive Budget, restore the 12% operating budget cuts to NSHE made in 2020-2021, increase graduate assistant stipends to a living wage, and cover temporary enrollment decreases due to the pandemic.
- Beyond the Executive Budget, increase the funding of NSHE to match inflation to avoid increasing student fees.

Provide competitive state employee compensation and benefits

- Raise compensation to competitive levels to attract and retain professional and classified employees. The 8%+4% Cost-of-Living Adjustments in the Executive Budget are a good start, but are reduced by the 2% employee retirement contribution increase. Per the AAUP Faculty Compensation Survey, academic salaries at UNR and UNLV lagged regional peer institutions by 21% as of Fall 2021, further reduced by 6% inflation since then. NSHE college salaries also lag peers. A 20% or greater increase is needed for competitive salaries.
- Restore PEBP benefits. Healthcare benefits are not fully restored to pre-pandemic levels in the Executive Budget. Employee premiums, out-of-pocket costs, and long-term disability (LTD) insurance should be fully restored. Without LTD and with no social security disability, state employees are only one diagnosis or injury away from destitution.

Advance collective bargaining for NSHE professional employees (AB224)

- The 7,000 faculty of NSHE are the largest group of public employees in Nevada without collective bargaining rights in state law.
- The Board of Regents has allowed limited collective bargaining for faculty, but that means management is writing and interpreting the rules of engagement. AB224 will give NSHE and its employees access to the state Employee-Management Relations Board for prompt and impartial settlement of disputes.
- Studies show that faculty unionization promotes better outcomes for student retention and completion.
- Collective bargaining in higher education advances institutional integrity and shared governance.
- The first hearing for AB224 was held on March 10 in the Assembly Government Affairs Committee, with overwhelming testimony in Support. NSHE testified that the bill is an unconstitutional infringement of the power of the Board of Regents, but the Legislature Counsel Bureau's legal counsel strongly refuted that "fourth branch of government" argument. ([View hearing here](#). Hearing starts at 9:52:30, LCB at 10:08:58.)



The [Nevada Faculty Alliance](#) is the independent statewide association of professional employees of the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). The NFA is affiliated with the American Association of University Professors and the American Federation of Teachers, representing over 300,000 higher education professional employees in North America. NFA is the bargaining agent for faculty bargaining units at the College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada College.

The Nevada Faculty Alliance works to empower our members to be fully engaged in our mission to help students succeed.

Collective Bargaining for NSHE Professional Employees

[Assembly Bill 224](#) *authorizes collective bargaining for NSHE professionals in state law*

Effective and efficient employment settings depend on proper checks and balances. Because NSHE professional employees lack collective bargaining rights in statute, our existing faculty bargaining units operate under internal NSHE regulations. That gives the Board of Regents as management the sole power to write and determine the implementation of collective bargaining rules. Authorizing collective bargaining for NSHE professionals in statute will uphold the longstanding American tradition to empower faculty and other professional employees so we can retain the dignity and respect necessary to provide a high-quality education to the students who will decide Nevada's future.

Institutional Efficiency

Increase student/faculty retention

Collective bargaining provides a framework for helping faculty achieve institutional goals, as evidenced by research demonstrating a **statistically significant increase in student retention with faculty collective bargaining** and an additional 1.2 degrees awarded per 100 students enrolled.

Faculty collective bargaining also improves the efficiency of academic governance—through a variety of research-backed models—by encouraging meaningful faculty participation in shared institutional decision-making.

Fairness and Equity

Treat NSHE professionals equitably

The 7,000 faculty members of NSHE are the largest group of public employees in Nevada who do not have collective bargaining rights in state law. We support a bill to **align collective bargaining rules for NSHE professional employees with those of state Classified employees and local government employees** in NRS 288.

Faculty collective bargaining has a positive impact on the hiring and retention of women faculty. **Public research universities with collective bargaining have a higher proportion of women faculty** overall and at the ranks of

associate and full professor than do institutions without collective bargaining. Pay equity adjustments under collective bargaining agreements reduce gender-based pay gaps.

Fiscal Responsibility

Reduce cost per degree awarded

A 2014 study associated faculty collective bargaining with a savings of \$13,500 in core expenses per degree awarded. Among eight variables, **collective bargaining was the only method that both lowered cost and increased student completion**. By increasing efficiency, collective bargaining offsets salary increases.

Benefits for NSHE and its Professional Employees

- AB 224 would provide rules and procedures for collective bargaining with NSHE professional employees as for state Classified employees and local government employees under NRS 288 currently.
- AB 224 would give NSHE and its professional employees access to the Government Employee-Management Relations Board (EMRB) and to arbitration for resolution of contract issues and personnel disputes, as an alternative to expensive litigation and high-cost settlements.
- AB 224 allows bargaining units within institutions following historical practices.
- AB224 provides mechanisms for provisions in a collective bargaining agreement that would require state funding or legislative action to have those provisions submitted as budget and bill draft requests.

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Collective Bargaining for NSHE Faculty (Assembly Bill 224)

AB 224 would establish statutory collective bargaining rights for NSHE professional employees similar to those in NRS 288 for local government employees and for state Classified employees. **The main features of AB 224 are as follows:**

- AB224 authorizes collective bargaining for NSHE faculty and other professional employees, the largest group of public employees in Nevada without collective bargaining authorized in state law.
- AB 224 covers NSHE professional employees, including academic and non-managerial administrative faculty and instructors on semester-by-semester contracts.
- AB 224 largely follows the collective bargaining rules already established in NRS 288 for local government employees and state Classified employees, with some clarifications needed for professional employees in higher education.
- AB 224 uses the "community of interest" standard for defining bargaining units, which is flexible so that employees and administrators of each NSHE institution can negotiate the composition of bargaining units.
- AB 224 allows the formation of bargaining units for academic faculty, administrative faculty, professional staff, part-time instructors, and assistants.
- AB 224 clarifies the right for representation for faculty employees in disciplinary meetings, similar to the rights for state Classified employees in NRS 284.
- AB 224 gives NSHE professional employees and their professional organizations access to the state Government Employee-Management Relations Board (EMRB) and to arbitration for conflict resolution as an alternative to litigation. This would reduce high litigation and settlement costs for NSHE.
- Because NSHE already allows collective bargaining under its internal regulations, the support infrastructure is in place and the only expected fiscal note is the annual fee of up to \$10 per employee that NSHE would pay to support the Government Employee-Management Relations Board. NSHE (and not the state Labor Relations Unit in DHRM) will be responsible for all negotiations and labor relations within NSHE.
- AB 224 specifically excludes negotiations over benefits provided by the State through PEBP and PERS, but allows negotiation over benefits provided by NSHE.
- AB 224 would not change Nevada as a right-to-work state with no-strike provisions for public employees.
- NFA currently represents faculty bargaining units at CSN, TMCC, and WNC under internal NSHE regulations. The bill would retain our collective bargaining agreements until renegotiated under the new statute.

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AB108	Enacts the Nurse Licensure Compact. (BDR 54-522)	Committee on Commerce and Labor	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	Labor	Interstate Nursing Compact. NSHE in support. Opposed by SEIU and AFL-CIO. NFA did not testify.F64
AB109	Establishes provisions relating to soil health. (BDR 49-571)	La Rue Hatch, Orentlicher, Peters, Thomas, Watts, Anderson, González, Gorelow and Summers-Armstrong	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	NSHE supports as 4/9
AB118	Revises provisions relating to the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 34-127)	Assemblyman Watts; Senator Doñate	Enacted	NSHE	Reduce Board of Regents to 9 members with 4-year terms. NFA - no position. NSHE opposes as of 4/9. NFA did not testify.
AB124	Revises provisions governing the renewal of a license as an osteopathic physician or physician assistant.	Hardy	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE supports as of 4/9
AB127	Revises provisions governing Medicare supplemental policies.	Jauregui	Enacted	PublicEmployees	prohibits an insurer from treating Medicare supplemental policies differently for certain purposes relating to the payment of commission
AB13	Revises provisions related to governmental administration. (BDR 23-418)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	Govt	seems to weaken whistleblower law As amended, 60-day limit for filing complaint/appeal. Deletes option for termination of retaliator.
AB131	Revises provisions governing urban and community forestry. (BDR 47-720)	Cohen, Watts, Anderson, Newby and Peters	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE supports as of 4/9.
AB138	Provides Medicaid coverage for certain types of behavioral health integration services. (BDR 38-332)	Committee on Health and Human Services	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE supports as of 4/9
AB140	Makes Juneteenth Day a legal holiday in this State. (BDR 19-63)	Assemblymen Thomas, Cameron Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Marzola, Torres, Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, Considine, D'Silva, Duran, González, Gorelow, Jauregui, Kasama, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Brittney Miller, Mosca, Newby, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Watts and Yeager; Senators Spearman, Neal, Krasner, Cannizzaro, Nguyen	Enacted	NSHE	preferred Juneteenth bill (labor support) with holiday on June 19 rather than always a Monday. NSHE supports as of 4/9
AB147	Revises provisions relating to dentistry. (BDR 54-74)	Marzola	Enacted	PublicEmployees	PEBP: "This bill amends NRS 287.04335 to remove the end date for teledentistry under the Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 and requires teledentistry to be covered by PEBP. Prior to the pandemic, PEBP did not cover teledentistry."
AB150	Revises provisions governing the waiver of certain fees by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada.	Anderson	Enacted	NSHE	Indigenous student fee waiver expansion. NSHE and NFA testified in support. Includes appropriation at \$453K/year.
AB151	Provides for the issuance for a limited duration of special license plates commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University of Nevada, Reno. (BDR 43-89)	Assemblymen Anderson, Yeager, Torres, Taylor, O'Neill, Cohen, Marzola and McArthur; Senators Cannizzaro, Titus, Seevers Gansert and Daly	Enacted	NSHE	UNR 150th anniversary license plates, donations to UNR Wolf Pack Provisions. NSHE supports as of 4/9. Ervin gave brief support.

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AB155	Establishes provisions relating to biomarker testing. (BDR 40-305)	Peters, Brown-May, Dickman, González, Hafen, Kasama, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Thomas and Watts	Enacted	PublicEmployees	PEBP: "Biomarker testing is already covered under current plan rules for medical necessity; therefore, this would not require PEBP to make any changes." (4/21)
AB167	Makes various changes relating to dementia. (BDR 38-787)	Thomas, González and Taylor	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	NSHE supports as of 4/9.
AB172	Revises provisions governing collective bargaining for certain public employees. (BDR 23-700)	Assemblymen Anderson, Duran, Carter, Considine and Thomas; Senator Daly	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB172_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	PublicEmployees	local govt employer must provide work contact info to employee association. NFA supported in Assembly hearing. Amended with opt-out by employee. Amended to allow state classified to bargain over parking and transportation (NSHE opposed after amendment). Vetoed by Governor based on employee privacy concern and cost of additional mandatory
AB180	Revises the bargaining units of certain state employees who are peace officers. (BDR 23-765)	Assemblymen Hibbetts, Yurek and D'Silva; Senator Pazina	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	PublicEmployees	Replaced by SB166.
AB187	Prohibits certain instruction in public schools. (BDR 34-565)	Kasama, Hansen and Koenig	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	K-16	Prohibits reading instruction using "three-cueing" system
AB210	Revises provisions governing public works. (BDR 28-832)	Duran, Torres, González, Carter, Gorelow, La Rue Hatch, Marzola, Newby, Nguyen and Thomas	Enacted	Labor	Double penalty for employers who willfully refuse to pay prevailing wage on a public works project.
AB211	Makes various changes relating to law enforcement dispatchers. (BDR 23-750)	O'Neill	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	PublicEmployees	Optionally add dispatchers to police/fire PERS (with buy-up?). Died 4/14.
AB212	Establishes provisions governing student transcripts.	Mosca	Enacted	NSHE	Allows students and former students to obtain transcripts regardless of financial holds. NFA and NSHE supported.
AB217	Revises provisions governing higher education. (BDR 34-464)	Assemblymen Watts, González, Anderson, Considine, Cameron Miller, Backus, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, D'Silva, Gorelow, La Rue Hatch, Mosca, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Thomas and Torres; Senators Flores, Doñate, Neal, Lange, Nguyen and Pazina	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	fee waiver for homeless students. Permissive to BoR to require institutions to give waivers. Requires appointment of liaisons. NFA supported, with concern that fee waiver programs need to be funded. NSHE supported.
AB219	Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law. (BDR 19-781)	Considine	Enacted	Govt	PEBP: "This bill reorganizes the public comment periods in an open meeting. Agendas with virtual meetings must include instructions for the general public to provide public comment. Prior to public comment, instructions must be verbally read, verbatim before each period devoted to public comment. Finally, each member must attend at least 25% of all meetings in person. For PEBP this is at least 2 meetings/year." (4/21) 25% rule removed by amendment. Ervin testified for NFA in support of requirement that there be public comment on each day of a multi-day meeting.
AB222	Makes changes to the computation of credit for service for certain members of the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-752)	Assemblymen Carter, Peters, La Rue Hatch, Anderson, Torres, Duran, Monroe-Moreno, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor and Thomas;	Died in Ways & Means	PublicEmployees	Service credits for K-12 support personnel who work 8 months/year.

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AB224	Revises provisions governing collective bargaining. (BDR 23-155)	Assemblymen Peters, Watts, Bilbray-Axelrod, Anderson, La Rue Hatch, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, Considine, D'Silva, Duran, González, Gorelow, Hibbetts, Jauregui, Koenig, Marzola, Brittney Miller, Cameron Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Thomas, Torres and Yeager; Senators Nguyen, Doñate and Pazina	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB224_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	NSHE	Collective bargaining for NSHE professional employees. NFA's highest legislative priority. NSHE "neutral" as of 4/9. Passed 31-11 in Assembly, 13-8 in Senate. Vetoed by Governor.
AB226	Revises provisions governing tuition for certain students. (BDR 34-668)	D'Silva	Enacted	NSHE	in-state registration fees for students on deferred action immigration status. NFA testified in support. NSHE in support as of 4/9. Exempt, to Ways.
AB228	Revises provisions governing required courses in high school. (BDR 34-572)	La Rue Hatch, González, Anderson, Brown-May, D'Silva, Gurr, Kasama, Brittney Miller and Thomas	Died in Ways & Means	K-16	Requires one unit of geography for high school graduation.
AB235	Revises provisions governing public works projects. (BDR 28-176)	Monroe-Moreno	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB235_82nd_VetoMessage	Labor	Prevailing wage requirements for items pre-fabricated off-site.
AB241	Revises provisions governing the education of pupils enrolled in a public high school. (BDR 34-625)	Assemblymen Mosca, Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, D'Silva, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Taylor, Thomas and Torres; Senators Buck, Doñate, Flores, Nguyen and Pazina	Enacted	K-16	makes high school college-and-career-ready track opt-out instead of opt-in. NSHE in support as of 4/21. Amended to add detailed requirements for a "college ready diploma", to require the Board of Regents to prescribe a college readiness assessment test (ACT?) and to phase in requirements on schedule depending on county size.
AB243	Revises provisions relating to legislative affairs. (BDR 17-366)	Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB243_82nd_VetoMessage	Govt	Revises Joint Interim Standing Committees. Assembly 34-7, Senate 12-9. Vetoed by Governor based on "broad disagreement amongst legislators on the management of their own branch of government".
AB245	Revises provisions governing education. (BDR 34-818)	Assemblymen Torres, Marzola, González, Kasama, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, D'Silva, Duran, Hafen, McArthur, Cameron Miller, Mosca, Newby, Nguyen, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor, Thomas and Watts; Senator Krasner	Enacted	NSHE	Renames the NSHE Task force Commission on Higher Education Campus Safety regarding sexual misconduct. Requires campus surveys. Student-sponsored bill. NFA testified in support.
AB247	Revises provisions governing education	La Rue Hatch et al.	Pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.1, no further action	K-12	Changes college readiness requirements. NSHE neutral.F36+F59+F71

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AB250	Establishes provisions governing prescription drugs. (BDR 40-782)	Considine and Anderson	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB250_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	PublicEmployees	PEBP: "It is difficult to determine how this may impact PEBP. This legislation could result in overall net savings depending on the negotiated prices and how those compare to PEBP's current net drug costs; however, this bill could also result in less favorable discounts on other drugs in order to compensate for the lower costs on the negotiated drugs. Additionally, there are other downstream considerations, such as potential possible access issues for these drugs since they would be dispensed at higher prices in other states. PEBP will not be able to determine potential impact until drugs and associated benchmark prices are published by CMS." NFA testified in support 5/15/2023 in SenCL
AB258	Enacts certain provisions governing the confidentiality of certain personal information of a donor, member or volunteer of a nonprofit organization. (BDR 19-605)	Backus and Kasama	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB258_82nd_VetoMessage	Labor	Supported by nonprofit advocacy organizations on left and right.
AB268	Makes appropriations for the payment of retention incentives to certain employees of the State Government. (BDR S-1037)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	retention bonuses for Q1 & Q2 2023. NFA support in Assy committee before amendment to remove NSHE professionals. NFA opposed in Senate committee after amendment to remove NSHE professionals. Re-amended in Senate to include NSHE professionals (up to \$3.5M in funding). NSHE in support as of 4/9.
AB277	Establishes provisions governing rural emergency hospitals. (BDR 40-637)	Koenig, Yurek, Gray, Gurr, DeLong, Dickman, D'Silva, González, Gorelow, Hafen, Hansen, Hardy, Hibbetts, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Peters, Taylor, Thomas and Torres	Enacted	PublicEmployees	rural emergency rooms. Koenig bill with bipartisan support. PEBP: "no impact" (4/21).
AB278	Requires the Public Employees' Retirement Board to consider certain Nevada-based investments. (BDR 23-	Orentlicher	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	PublicEmployees	PERS bill--require review of Nevada startup investments
AB279	Revises provisions governing the waiver of tuition and registration and certain fees for students who are children of certain veterans. (BDR 34-531)	Assemblymen D'Silva, Gray, Thomas, Bilbray-Axelrod, Gallant, Gurr, La Rue Hatch, McArthur, Mosca, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor and Torres; Senators Spearman, Flores and	Enacted	NSHE	fee waiver for students whose parent is a Purple Heart veteran. NSHE in support as of 4/9. Nfa gave brief support.
AB301	Revises provisions relating to public employees. (BDR 53-766)	Hibbetts, D'Silva, Yurek and Carter	Died in Senate Finance	PublicEmployees	Expands definition of police officer for heart/lung coverage
AB323	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-114)	Assemblymen Torres, Mosca, D'Silva, González, Bilbray-Axelrod, Anderson, Gorelow, Hansen, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Marzola, Newby, Orentlicher, Taylor, Thomas and Watts; Senators Doñate, Buck, Flores and Nguyen	Died in Senate Finance	NSHE	Scholarship program for teacher education pathway. NSHE in support as of 4/9.

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AB328	Makes an appropriation to the Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic at the William S. Boyd School of Law of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (BDR S-1058)	Assemblymen Watts, Torres and Peters; Senators Nguyen, Doñate and Flores	Enacted	NSHE	\$1M appropriation to UNLV Boyd Law immigration clinic. NFA testified in support. NSHE in support as of 4/9. NFA supported.
AB330	Revises provisions governing education. (BDR 34-1087)	Committee on Education	Enacted	K-16	Lombardo classroom discipline bill, amended. Bipartisan 38-4 support in Assembly. Amended to be compatible with Angie Taylor bill on same subjects.
AB332	Revises provisions relating to student education loans. (BDR 55-162)	Assemblymen Peters, Watts, Nguyen, Torres, Anderson, Carter, Gorelow, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Mosca, Newby and Taylor; Senator Nguyen	Enacted	NSHE	Student loan borrower rights and regulation. Student-sponsored bill. NFA testified in support. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
AB337	Revises provisions relating to public employment. (BDR 23-1052)	Assemblywomen Peters, Monroe-Moreno, Anderson, Backus and Thomas; Senator Dondero Loop	Died in Ways & Means, but included in SB522, with NSHE professional employees	PublicEmployees	longevity pay for state Classified and Unclassified. Excludes NSHE professional employees. EXEMPT. NFA testified in support in Assembly committee.
AB347	Makes an appropriation to the Department of Education for programs of dual credit. (BDR S-115)	Assemblywoman Torres	Died in Ways & Means with no hearing	NSHE	\$15M to Nv Dept of Ed for dual credit programs
AB35	Revises provisions governing the access of offenders to telecommunications devices. (BDR 16-261)	Committee on Judiciary	Enacted	NSHE	Allows prisoners limited access to tablet-type devices. NSHE supports as of 4/9. NFA supported, to help enable prisoner education programs.
AB351	Establishes the Deferred Retirement Option Program for certain public employees. (BDR 23-688)	Yurek and Hibbetts	Died with no hearing.	PublicEmployees	Would allow Police/Fire members to receive PERS retirement payments while remaining employed with salary for certain period of years. Exempt. PERS opposed. Large
AB360	Revises provisions governing the grading of pupils. (BDR 34-91)	Anderson, Brittney Miller, Considine, La Rue Hatch, Cohen, D'Silva and	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	K-16	Grading standards in K-12 (automatic 50% no-fail grading). Affect student expectations when they reach college.
AB37	Authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada.	Committee on Education	Enacted	NSHE	UNLV-led health care workforce development center. To Ways & Means. NSHE supports as of 4/9.
AB372	Revises provisions relating to higher education. (BDR 34-704)	Committee on Education	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE agreements with non-profit for training to facilitate family involvement in early childhood education. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
AB376	Establishes provisions governing paid family leave for certain state employees. (BDR 23-1053)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	PublicEmployees	Family leave requirements for state Classified employees. Amended in committee to include all state employees. 8 weeks of family leave paid at 50%. NFA testified in support
AB377	Revises provisions relating to public employees. (BDR 23-401)	Committee on Government Affairs	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	PublicEmployees	Add bailiffs, other county employees, to NRS 288 collective bargaining for local governments
AB378	Revises provisions governing collective bargaining. (BDR 23-1050)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	PublicEmployees	NRS 288 for Classified--fixing deadlines for negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. NFA gave brief support.
AB38	Revises provisions relating to the Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada Account. (BDR 18-214)	Committee on Revenue	Died in Ways & Means	EconDev	Allows Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada (WINN) funds to be carried over to next fiscal year

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AB382	Makes an appropriation to the Immigration Clinic at the William S. Boyd School of Law of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for the purpose of expanding the provision of pro bono legal services relating to immigration	Assemblymen Torres, Watts, Peters, Cameron Miller, Marzola, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carter, D'Silva, Duran, González, Gorelow, Newby, Nguyen, Taylor and Thomas; Senators Doñate and Nguyen	Died in Ways & Means. But see AB328.	NSHE	Appropriation to UNLV Boyd Law immigration clinic. Exempt. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
AB383	Revises provisions relating to health care. (BDR 40-116)	Assemblymen Torres, Peters, Gorelow, González, Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, Considine, D'Silva, Duran, Jauregui, Cameron Miller, Newby, Summers-Armstrong, Thomas and Watts; Senator Harris	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB383_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	PublicEmployees	PEBP: "bill expands health insurance coverage to include voluntary sterilization for men, clinical services related to contraceptives and language translation services that facilitate the provision of contraceptives. It also eliminates prior authorization for contraceptives. Although the amendment eliminates all sections relating to health insurance coverage, which results in no impact to PEBP, PEBP already provides coverage for most of these services."
AB393	Establishes the Doctors for Nevada Program to attract providers of health care to this State. (BDR 18-207)	Assemblywoman Kasama; Senator Lange	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	NSHE	Debt relief to med residents who will practice in Nevada
AB4	Revises provisions relating to certain educational commissions. (BDR 34-280)	Committee on Ways and Means	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	appoints education Deans from NSC or GBC to Commission on Professional Standards in Educaiton. too restrictive?
AB400	Revises various provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-1088)	Committee on Education	Enacted	PublicEmployees	Lombardo schools bill/ Amendment removed more lenient designation of critical labor shortage for re-hires in schools (PERS opposed, says it violates IRS code and could be costly).Teach Nevada changes. Amended to remove school choice/voucher provisions.
AB401	Revises provisions governing schools of nursing. (BDR 54-1042)	Jauregui	Enacted	NSHE	Increases maximum teacher-to-student ratio for schools of nursing from 8 to 12 (not mandatory). NSHE neutral as of 4/9. NFA took no position.
AB409	Creates the Juneteenth Educational and Economic Commission. (BDR 18-982)	Thomas and Mosca	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	NSHE in support as of 4/9. See AB140
AB41	Establishes the Nevada Innovation Account. (BDR 18-213)	Committee on Revenue	Died on Assistant Secretary's Desk	EconDev	create Nevada Innovation Account. NSHE supports as of 4/9.
AB41	Revises provisions relating to economic development. (BDR 18-775)	Committee on Revenue	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE to work with school districts on Teacher Academy College Pathway Program. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
AB428	Revises provisions relating to economic development.	Committee on Revenue	Enacted 6/15/2023	NSHE	Teacher Academy College Pathway Program grant mechanism. NSHE in support.
AB431	Revises provisions relating to campuses of the University of Nevada. (BDR 34-	Committee on Education	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	NSHE	Requires capital project priorities to be based on parity in square footage per student. Dead 4/14.
AB45	Creates a program to repay the student education loans of certain providers of health care. (BDR 18-359)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	NSHE	creates the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program—administered by the State Treasurer. NSHE supports as of 4/9. NFA gave brief support.
AB461	Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-1075)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	PublicEmployees	PERS bill to add Chief Administrative Analyst position. NFA gave brief support.

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AB467	Makes an appropriation to the Knowledge Account. (BDR S-1150)	Committee on Ways and Means	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	\$5M for Knowledge Fund.
AB475	Makes appropriations to the Department of Administration for certain activities and technology requirements of the National Judicial College and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. (BDR S-1148)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	\$400K for National Judicial College (housed at UNR)
AB483	Makes an appropriation to the Workforce Innovations for a New Nevada Account. (BDR S-1145)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	\$20M for WINN, reduced to \$10M by amendment. NSHE institutions can apply for grants.
AB490	Authorizes the establishment of academic medical districts. (BDR 22-	Yeager	Died in Senate Finance	NSHE	
AB491	Makes appropriations to the Nevada System of Higher Education for enrollment recovery at and to support certain expenditures for certain institutions. (BDR S-1180)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	enrollment recovery funding GBC \$420K, CSN \$11.6M, TMCC \$595.5K. Amended to revise amounts and add formula backstops for WNC and NSC. N.FA testified in support
AB492	Makes appropriations to the Nevada System of Higher Education for certain information technology leases and equipment. (BDR S-1179)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	\$8M for NSHE System Computing Services for NevadaNet upgrades. NFA testified in support.
AB493	Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for an interim study of the funding formula for the System. (BDR S-1178)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE interim funding study \$5M, amended to to \$2M. NSHE supported. NFA testified in support with request that the study include analysis of adequate funding for higher education, rather than simply a new distribution formula.
AB494	Makes an appropriation to the University of Nevada, Reno, for the addition of weighted student credit hours resulting from the acquisition of Sierra Nevada College. (BDR S-1177)	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	\$1.6M for UNR for SNU WSCHs. NFA testified in support.
AB498	Revises provisions relating to public employees' retirement. (BDR 23-1200)	Committee on Ways and Means	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB498_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	NSHE	Change PERS contributions so state employee pays one-half of normal cost, state employer pays remainder. As amended, NSHE Retirement Plan Alternative contributions would be fixed at 17.5%/17.5% (employee/employer). Vetoed by Governor based on uncertain and potentially unsustainable future costs. Veto means that provisions in AB522 for an additional 7% COLA in FY2025 for state employees including NSHE go into effect. NFA testified in support as introduced. NFA testified in neutral as amended.
AB515	Provides for the award of tuition assistance and stipends under the Incentivizing Pathways to Teaching Grant Program.	Committee on Ways and Means	Enacted	NSHE	New DoEd-administered grant program for public and private universities and colleges. No funding in this bill. NSHE in support.

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AB52	Makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law. (BDR 19-416)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	Govt	PEBP: "This bill updates the definition of a quorum and voting thresholds to be modified based on positions net of vacancies and net of nonvoting members. This bill adds to the definition of a meeting that will require some level of deliberation to occur; otherwise, the meeting doesn't qualify under Open Meeting Law." (4/21) Amendment makes the Open Meeting Law apply to university foundations.
AB520	Makes various changes regarding state financial administration and makes appropriations for the support of the civil government of the State	Committee on Ways & Means	Vetoed 6/1/2023, but enacted as SB511. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB520_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	Budget	Appropriations act
AB522	Pay bill	Committee on Ways & Means	Enacted. Amended by section 37 of SB341.	Budget	"Pay Bill" includes 12% COLA on 7/1/2023, 4% on 7/1/2024, plus 7% on 7/1/2024 if AB498 is not enacted (it was vetoed). These amounts are mandatory for Classified employees including NSHE Classified, but are all "not to exceed" those percentages for NSHE professional employees. The appropriations are to the Board of Examiners, at 80% for state agencies that are wholly state funded but at the percentage of state funding for NSHE accounts (66% on average for NSHE state-supported budgets, 0% for NSHE self-supported programs). Reimbursement for COLAs from the BoE is upon documentation of the expenses, with the expectation that salary savings from vacancies are used first. SB522 also includes \$250/quarter retention bonuses (but with limited funding of \$3.5M for NSHE professional employees) and longevity pay for Classified and NSHE faculty employees.
AB525	AN ACT making appropriations for various purposes relating to health, education, employment and other community services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto	Committee on Ways & Means	Enacted	Budget	Christmas Tree bill. \$750K for UNLV Intl Gaming Institute, \$1M to Nevada Small Business Development Center (UNR)
AB6	Revises provisions relating to the cost of health care. (BDR 40-380)	Committee on Health and Human Services	Died in Senate Finance	PublicEmployees	PEBP: "The implementation of a cap on healthcare costs will likely slow the growth of the cost of healthcare on the plan; however, there are concerns that this will also greatly impact the number of providers willing to practice in Nevada and therefore worsen the already critical provider shortage."

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AB69	Expands the loan repayment program administered by the Nevada Health Service Corps to include certain providers of behavioral health care.	Committee on Education	Died in Ways & Means	NSHE	expand loan repayment program for behavior health providers in Nevada. NSHE supports as of 4/9.
AB74	Revises provisions relating to agreements entered into by public bodies. (BDR 34-377)	Committee on Education	Vetoed. https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/82nd2023/Reports/VetoMessages/AB74_82nd_VetoMessage.pdf	NSHE	SB342/2021 for UNR/Renown public-private partnerships. Also UNLV Med. AB74 generalizes the authority for NSHE to enter into public-private partnerships. From the Interim Joint Standing Committee on Education. Amended to ensure construction under prevailing wage rules. NSHE supports as of 4/9. Vetoed by Governor based on costs of prevailing wage rules. But see SB226, passed on final day.
AB78	Exempts certain providers of jobs and day training services from licensure as nurses. (BDR 54-12)	Brown-May	Enacted	NSHE	NSHE supports as of 4/9.
AB81	Revises provisions governing firearms. (BDR 15-117)	Hafen	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	NSHE	Campus carry Died 4/14
AB85	Establishes procedures to fix rates for certain health care goods and services. (BDR 40-169)	Orentlicher	Died in Ways & Means	PublicEmployees	PEBP: "This bill establishes fixed rates on facility charges and establishes an independent commission to oversee rates. Approved rates allow facilities to earn fair and reasonable profit and provide fair and adequate compensation to employees. This legislation would eliminate balance billing by facilities, however, PEBP is currently unable to determine at this time whether this would result in lower or increased costs to the program. This may also be perceived as unfavorable market conditions in the provider industry and further strained the provider shortage in Nevada. Update: The amendment essentially pilots this legislation through PEBP. This will likely require additional staff to oversee and implement, as well as likely contract
AJR5	Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions relating to lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets.	CH Miller, Daniele Monroe-Moreno	Passed. Needs approval again in 2025 session, then would go to voters in 2026.	Revenue	Amend constitution to provide for state lottery, with revenue going to mental health.
BDR 23-863	Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System.	Senator Cannizzaro	Never introduced	PublicEmployees	See AB498 (vetoed).
SB111	Revises provisions relating to public works. (BDR 28-78)	Senator Goicoechea; Assemblyman Gurr	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	Labor	reportedly dead 2/21
SB117	Revises provisions relating to community health workers. (BDR 38-	Committee on Health and Human Services	Enacted	NSHE	Allows Medicaid payments to certain unlicensed community health care workers. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
SB118	Revises provisions relating to public health. (BDR 40-334)	Committee on Health and Human Services	Enacted	NSHE	Allows the creation of a rural health district in noncontiguous counties. NSHE in support as of 4/9.

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SB119	Provides for the continuation of certain requirements governing insurance coverage of telehealth services. (BDR 57-336)	Committee on Health and Human Services	Enacted	NSHE	Extends mental health telehealth beyond pandemic, including audio-only for certain rural locations. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
SB126	Revises provisions relating to the NV Grow Program. (BDR S-791)	Neal	Enacted	NSHE	Nevada Grow Program at CSN, revises provisions and \$950K/year appropriation. NSHE in support as of 4/9. \$100K appropriation for Coop Ext amended out.
SB14	Makes various changes related to gaming. (BDR 41-259)	Committee on Judiciary	Enacted	PublicEmployees	Make PERS participation optional for Gaming Commission members, that provision amended out.
SB146	Revises provisions relating to health care. (BDR 40-462)	Lange, Spearman and Doñate	Enacted	NSHE	UNLV Med issue Prevents United Health from blocking providers from joining other networks. NSHE in support as of 4/9. Amendment provides exception.
SB163	Requires certain health insurance to cover treatment of certain conditions relating to gender dysphoria and gender incongruence. (BDR 57-129)	Senators Scheible, Harris and Spearman; Assemblywoman González	Enacted	PublicEmployees	Applies to PEBP, which mostly already covers medically necessary procedures.
SB166	Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining by public employees. (BDR 23-556)	Senators Pazina, Daly, Dondero Loop and Nguyen; Assemblymen Hibbetts and Yurek	Enacted	PublicEmployees	Brief support on 3/6. Applies to campus police supervisors as Category I peace officers. Makes sense for them to be in a separate bargaining unit.
SB188	Revises provisions governing firearms. (BDR 15-172)	Hansen, Stone, Buck, Goicoechea and Krasner	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	NSHE	Concealed carry on NSHE campuses
SB214	Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 18-898)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	NSHE	committee sunsets at Dept of Ed and NSHE. Sunsets NSHE committee on anatomical dissection.
SB220	Revises provisions relating to the Nevada Educational Choice Scholarship Program. (BDR 34-99)	Senators Seevers Gansert, Buck, Stone, Titus, Krasner, Goicoechea and Hansen; Assemblymen Hafen, O'Neill, Dickman, DeLong, Gray, Gurr, Hansen, Hardy, Hibbetts, Kasama, Koenig, McArthur and Yurek	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	Revenue	\$30M for school vouchers
SB226	Revises provisions governing governmental financial administration. (BDR 28-494)	Senator Cannizzaro; Assemblyman Yeager	Enacted	Labor	Originally prevailing wage bill. Amended on June 5 into bill allowing partnerships with non-profits of the type used for the UNLV Medical Educaiton Building and require prevailing wage for construction.
SB228	Revises provisions relating to governmental financial administration. (BDR 23-945)	Buck, Hansen, Stone and Titus	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	PublicEmployees	PERS anti-ESG
SB231	Makes appropriations to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to school districts that budget salary increases for certain employees and to the Department of Education for certain personnel costs	Cannizaro et al.	Enacted	K-12	\$250M for teacher salaries

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SB253	Revises provisions relating to public employment. (BDR 23-919)	Seevers Gansert, Goicoechea, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Harris, Krasner, Ohrenschall, Pazina and	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	PublicEmployees	longevity pay - see AB???. Died 4/14.
SB264	Revises provisions relating to collective bargaining. (BDR 23-932)	Doñate and Pazina	Enacted	Labor	Civilian support police employees in metropolitan police department (LV Metro) in collective bargaining. PPACE bill.
SB267	Establishes provisions relating to insurance coverage of mental health services. (BDR 57-1020)	Seevers Gansert, Buck, Titus, Stone, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Harris, Krasner, Lange and Pazina	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	NSHE	NSHE in support as of 4/9. Dead as of 4/14.
SB273	Changes the name of the Nevada State College to the Nevada State University.	Lange et al.	Enacted	NSHE	NFA did not testify in hearings. NSHE in support.
SB291	Makes various changes relating to education. (BDR 34-503)	Cannizzaro, Dondero Loop, Lange, Flores, Neal, Daly, Doñate, Harris, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible and Spearman	Enacted	NSHE	includes \$1.6M appropriation for NvDoEd Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
SB297	Provides for the establishment of the Nevada Memory Network. (BDR 40-298)	Committee on Health and Human Services	Died in Senate Finance	NSHE	\$685K appropriation to UNLV Med and UNR Med to contract with community health workers. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
SB300	Makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for a grant program for certain interns. (BDR S-100)	Seevers Gansert, Buck, Doñate, Titus, Stone, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Hansen, Harris, Krasner, Lange, Ohrenschall and Pazina	Died in Senate Finance	NSHE	\$2.5M appropriation for UNLV psychologist intern program
SB308	Revises provisions relating to educational personnel. (BDR 23-1018)	Flores	Died in Senate Finance	PublicEmployees	As amended, reduces service requirements for PERS retirement and allows international exchange teachers on J1 visas to be eligible for PERS.
SB319	Revises provisions relating to public employees. (BDR 23-953)	Senators Harris, Spearman, Buck, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Ohrenschall, Pazina and Scheible; Assemblyman Yurek	Vetoed. https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23854444-616-veto_sb-319?responsive=1&title=	PublicEmployees	Unclassified Gaming Control Category II peace officers included in NRS 288 state Classified bargaining unit.
SB320	Revises provisions related to the Legislature. (BDR 23-194)	Senators Harris, Stone, Doñate, Daly, Hammond, Krasner, Ohrenschall and Scheible; Assemblymen Watts, Peters, González, Kasama, Anderson, Considine, La Rue Hatch, Brittney Miller and Mosca	Died in Senate Fiance	PublicEmployees	Subsidizes PEBP employee premiums for part-time Leg Branch employees.
SB323	Revises provisions relating to peace officers. (BDR 23-925)	Seevers Gansert and Hansen	Enacted	Labor	reciprocity for police certification from other states
SB34	Revises provisions relating to legal representation in certain actions or proceedings. (BDR 3-422)	Committee on Judiciary	Enacted	Govt	Allows state agencies to hire outside counsel if AG approves. NSHE already does this without AG approval, presumably on basis of constitutional authority.

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SB341	AN ACT relating to governmental financial administration; making appropriations for various purposes relating to health, education and employment and other community services; revising provisions relating to the titles and maximum salaries of the unclassified personnel of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.		Enacted	Budget	Christmas Tree bill, \$500K for UNLV Intl Gaming Institute for Leadvertise program, \$1M to UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs for tourist safety initiatives. Section 37 amends AB522 pay bill section 1 on maximum salaries of unclassified state employee positions at Public Utilities Commission
SB342	Enacts provisions relating to veterinary medicine. (BDR 34-1012)	Goicoechea, Titus, Seevers Gansert, Buck, Stone, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Flores, Hammond, Hansen, Krasner and Pazina	Enacted	NSHE	\$8M appropriation to WICHE for veterinary medicine education slots at Utah State with funding from Nevada. NFA testified in support. NSHE in support as of 4/18. Amended to make appropriation contingent on IFC approval of agreement with Utah State.
SB347	Revises provisions relating to higher education. (BDR 34-119)	Senator Doñate; Assemblyman Watts	Died in Senate Finance	NSHE	Deconsolidate NSHE, create separate governing boards for colleges. NFA in opposition before amendment. NSHE in opposition as of 4/9. Amended into study commission on NSHE funding. NFA supported after amendment, but still concerned about definitions and other provisions.
SB350	Revises provisions relating to graduate medical education. (BDR 18-553)	Senators Pazina, Pazina, Dondero Loop, Dondero Loop, Lange, Lange, Krasner, Krasner, Doñate, Doñate, Hammond, Hammond, Hansen, Hansen, Harris, Harris, Neal, Neal, Nguyen, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Ohrenschall, Scheible, Scheible, Seevers Gansert, Seevers Gansert, Spearman, Spearman, Titus and Titus; Assemblymen Cameron Miller and Cameron Miller	Enacted	NSHE	\$17M appropriation to create Grad Medical Education grant program. appropriation. NSHE in support as of 4/9. Appropriation deleted by amendment, so it can only accept funds from other sources.
SB369	Revises provisions relating to health care. (BDR 32-528)	Senators Titus, Buck, Goicoechea, Stone, Seevers Gansert, Doñate, Hansen, Krasner and Pazina; Assemblymen Hansen, Hafen and Koenig	Died in Senate Finance	NSHE	Graduate Medical Education commerce tax credit grant funding mechanism. NSHE in support as of 4/9. See also SB350.
SB375	Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for a grant program to expand undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at institutions within the System. (BDR S-	Senators Seevers Gansert and Cannizzaro; Assemblymen Yeager and O'Neill	Enacted	NSHE	\$18M/year to expand NSHE nursing education programs. NSHE in support as of 4/9. Reduced to \$10M/year by amendment

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SB387	Revises provisions related to the state personnel system. (BDR 23-961)	Pazina	Enacted	Govt	Study of which state Classified jobs should required degrees as qualifications
SB388	Revises provisions relating to certain public employees. (BDR 23-131)	Scheible	Died in Ways & Means	PublicEmployees	PERS employee/employer contributions made subject to collective bargaining negotiations for state classified employees. PERS neutral after clarifying amendment. NFA
SB394	Revises provisions governing abatements and partial abatements of	Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development	Died 5/20/2023	Revenue	As amended, limit GOED-approved tax abatements to \$500K. NSHE opposed
SB396	Imposes a tax on the retail sale of certain digital products. (BDR 32-6)	Neal	Died in Senate Finance	Revenue	sales tax on digital downloads. NFA gave brief support.
SB409	Revises provisions related to stadium infrastructure projects		Died in Senate Finance	Revenue	See SB1 of 35th Special Session
SB422	Revises provisions relating to public safety	Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure	Died in Senate Revenue	NSHE	Relates to autonomous delivery robots. NSHE in support.
SB427	Revises provisions relating to occupational safety and health. (BDR 53-	Committee on Government Affairs	Failed_Deadline:5/19/2023_RuleNo:14.3.3	Labor	employee breaks in high heat
SB431	Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (BDR 18-1089)	Committee on Government Affairs	Enacted	Govt	Gov. Lombardo's proposal on governmental operations .Proposed amendment removes out creation of new cabinet-level management positions. Exempt. PERS should be okay after amendment.
SB434	Revises provisions related to retirement. (BDR 23-16)	Neal	Enacted	PublicEmployees	Allows (long-term) substitute teachers to earn PERS if they meet other requirements PERS QDRO frozen benefit rule--amended out. PERS neutral. NFA briefly supported provision on substitute teachers, after amendment.
SB438	Revises provisions relating to the recruitment, preparation and retention of teachers. (BDR 34-1061)	Lange, Buck, Hammond and Ohrenschall	Died in Senate. Placed on Secretary's Desk and not revived.	NSHE	Teach Nevada Collaborative account. \$51M appropriation. NSHE in support as of 4/9.
SB440	Makes appropriations requiring certain one-time payments for certain state personnel. (BDR S-768)	Cannizzaro	Vetoed. https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/23854451-616-veto_sb-440?responsive=1&title=1	NSHE	Retroactive compensation increases for certain classified c.b. units. 2% COLA as of April 1, 2023, for state-funded state employees. NFA in support. NSHE in support as of 4/9. 2% COLA deleted by amendment, turned into lump-sum payments for retroactive c.b. arbitration agreements for Classified bargaining units. NFA still supported, in solidarity.
SB457	Makes an appropriation to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for certain costs related to the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and costs for interdisciplinary opportunities for health students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (BDR S-1119)	Committee on Finance	Enacted	NSHE	\$9.2M to UNLV Med for class size expansion. NFA testified in support.
SB47	Revises provisions relating to teachers. (BDR 34-379)	Committee on Education	Died in Senate Finance	K-16	task force on working conditions and housing for K-12 teachers. Also needed for NSHE faculty.

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SB486	Makes appropriations to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Account and the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund. (BDR S-1123)	Committee on Finance	Enacted	NSHE	Nevada Promise Scholarships \$6M & Millennium Scholarships \$75M. NFA testified in Support
SB496	Revises provisions relating to the film industry. (BDR S-1039)	Senators Lange, Pazina, Daly, Spearman, Krasner, Doñate, Hammond and Seevers Gansert; Assemblyman Cameron Miller	Died in Senate Finance	Revenue	Film tax credits
SB501	Establishes for the 2023-2025 biennium the subsidies to be paid to the Public Employees' Benefits Program for insurance for certain active and retired public officers and employees. (BDR S-1209)	Committee on Finance	Enacted	PublicEmployees	PEBP funding bill
SB503	Ensures sufficient funding for K-12 public education for the 2023-2025 biennium.	Committee on Finance	Enacted 5/31/2023	Budget	K-12 funding bill (must pass before other budget bills)
SB504	Authorizes expenditures by agencies of the State Government for the 2023-2025 biennium.	Committee on Finance	Enacted 5/31/2023	Budget	Authorization act, for spending non-general-fund revenue. \$376.1K in FY24 \$384.9K in FY25 for NSHE.
SB511	Makes various changes regarding state financial administration and makes appropriations for the support of the civil government of the State.	Committee on Finance	Enacted 6/5/2023	Budget	Appropriations Act (reincarnated from SB520), \$730.7K in FY24 and \$376.8K in FY25 for NSHE
SB521	CIP bill	Committee on Finance	Did not pass with required 2/3 in Senate, but reincarnated as AB1 of the 34th special session and enacted	Budget	\$50M in deferred maintenance for NSHE, chiller project for DRI, no other NSHE buildings funded.
SB70	Revises provisions governing name, image or likeness contracts for student athletes. (BDR 34-378)	Committee on Education	Failed_Deadline:4/14/2023_RuleNo:14.3.1	NSHE	Student athletes likeness endorsement contracts. Died 4/14.
SB72	Directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education to conduct certain studies during the 2023-2024 interim.	Committee on Education	Enacted 6/13/2023	NSHE	Includes study of waivers of registration fees, laboratory fees and other fees at institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education.
SB98	Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-444)	Committee on Finance	Enacted	K-16	K-12 funding commission, also study on teacher prep at NSHE institutions. Amended to add school district accountability metrics and other provisions.
SB99	Makes an appropriation to the Desert Research Institute of the Nevada System of Higher Education to support the Nevada State Cloud Seeding Program.	Goicoechea	Enacted	NSHE	\$1.2M to DRI for Cloud Seeding Program. NSHE in support

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SJR7*	Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove the constitutional provisions governing the election and duties of the Board of Regents of the State University and to authorize the Legislature to provide by statute for the governance of the State University and for the auditing of public institutions of higher education in this State. (BDR C-	Senator Dondero Loop; Assemblyman Roberts	Passed. Will go to voters in 2024.	NSHE	Removes Board of Regents from constitution and requires annual NSHE audits. Needs 2nd passage in 2023, then approval by voters in 2024 general election.. NFA gave neutral testimony with concerns about academic freedom issues. NSHE opposed as of 4/9.