

NEVADA COALITION TO END DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: VETOED AND FAILED BILLS

FAILED BILLS

These bills were of importance to the NCEDSV Policy Team but did not pass major deadlines, rendering the bills 'dead'. No further action is allowed on these bills at this time.

Assembly Bill 145

- **Summary:** Creates clarifying language that a police officer shall arrest an individual who solicits prostitution rather than issue a citation. Increases the fine for solicitation for prostitution from \$400 to \$800.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola
- **Position:** No position
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not make it through second House Committee.

Assembly Bill 157

- **Summary:** Establishes penalties for living off the earnings of a minor prostitute. If physical force or immediate threat of force was used, it is a category C felony. If no physical force or immediate threat of force was used, it is a category D felony.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Angie Taylor, Assemblywoman Natha Anderson, Assemblywoman Venicia Considine, Senator Pat Spearman.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Assembly Bill 176

- **Summary:** Expands the protections of the Nevada Fair Housing Law to include prohibiting housing discrimination based on source of income.
- **Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Cecelia Gonzalez, Assemblywoman Sondra Summers-Armstrong, and Senator Fabian Donate.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Assembly Bill 238

- **Summary:** Would require specific individuals who interact with children to receive training on the identification and intervention of commercially sexually exploited children and children who are at risk of being commercially sexually exploited. Also establishes a statewide cross-sector multi-disciplinary team for the case review of commercially sexually exploited children.

- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Assembly Bill 254

- **Summary:** Establishes application and enforcement procedures for protection orders for vulnerable adults.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assembly Committee on Judiciary
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Assembly Bill 357

- **Summary:** Requires the Board of Trustees of each school district to establish a course of evidence-based, factual instruction in sexuality education. Adds two pupils to the advisory committee that selects the materials for instruction. Changes sex education from opt-in to opt-out.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod, Assemblywoman Selena Torres, Assemblyman Howard Watts, Assemblywoman Sarah Peters.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass second House.

Senate Bill 68

- **Summary:** Establishes the Critical Needs Fund to provide assistance for very low-income housing, supportive housing and services. This fund is maintained by increasing the tax on certain transfers of real property at the rate of 20 cents for each \$500. Requires the Housing Division to annually allocate money in the fund to be used in each behavioral health region. The policy board for each region will then determine the amounts to be used for rental assistance, home rental assistance for low-income housing, and supportive housing services.
- **Bill Sponsor:** Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development on Behalf of the Clark Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House.

Senate Bill 89

- **Summary:** Clean-up language to hold those soliciting prostitution of a police officer posing as a child is to be charged the same as the solicitation of a minor.

- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert and Senator Nicole Cannizzaro
- **Position:** No opinion
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Senate Bill 142

- **Summary:** Establishes the Homeless Persons Bill of Rights and states that a person experiencing homelessness is entitled to the same rights, privileges, and benefits afforded to a resident of this state.
- **Bill Sponsor:** Senator Dallas Harris, Senator Melanie Scheible, Senator Edgar Flores, Senator Fabian Donate, and Senator James Ohrenschall
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Senate Bill 254

- **Summary:** Allocates 10% of marriage license funding to agencies providing services for human trafficking.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
- **Position:** Oppose
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass first House Committee.

Senate Bill 352

- **Summary:** Makes clarifying changes to allow pharmacists to dispense birth control without a prescription from a doctor and to dispense up to 12 months of birth control at a time.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senator Melanie Scheible and Senator Carrie Buck
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Died – did not pass second House Committee.

Senate Bill 426

- **Summary:** Prohibits landlords from increasing rent during the first year of a tenancy, or more than the cost of living increase, published by the Housing Division, during any 12-month period.
- **Bill Sponsor:** Senator Pat Spearman and Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Failed – did not pass second House.

VETOED BILLS

These bills were of importance to the Policy Team and successfully passed both Houses of the Legislature. However, the Governor vetoed the bills, denying them from becoming law. To override a veto, a bill must get a 2/3rds vote in each house. If the veto happened while the Legislature was still in business, the matter must be acted on during the Session. If the veto occurred after the Legislature adjourned, the bills would be up for an order of business at the start of the 2025 Legislative Session. If further action is allowed, it is noted for each individual bill.

Assembly Bill 340

- **Summary:** Repeals the summary eviction process to require landlords to file first with the court.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Sondra Summers-Armstrong
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – will return in the 2025 Legislative Session for action.

Assembly Bill 354

- **Summary:** Prohibits a person from having a firearm within 100 feet of an election site with certain exceptions, and makes technical fixes regarding ghost guns.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – returned to Assembly but no action taken. No further action allowed.

Assembly Bill 355

- **Summary:** Prohibits anyone under the age of 21 from possessing or controlling a semiautomatic shotgun or semiautomatic centerfire rifle. A person in violation of this law or who knowingly aids or permits a person under 21 to possess or control such firearms is guilty of a misdemeanor. Also provides penalties for failure to store such firearms safely away from people under 21 years of age.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Assemblyman Steve Yeager, Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – returned to Assembly but no action taken. No further action allowed.

Assembly Bill 383

- **Summary:** Establishes the Right to Reproductive Health Care Act. Prohibits a governmental entity from enacting or implementing limitations or requirements that single out reproductive health services. This includes access to reproductive services, drugs, or devices and the ability of a medical provider to render reproductive health care services.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Selena Torres, Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Assemblywoman Cecelia Gonzalez.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – will return in the 2025 Legislative Session for action.

Senate Bill 78

- **Summary:** Allows landlords to charge an application fee for each potential tenant occupying a single residence but prohibits the collection of further application fees until the initial application(s) are denied. Prohibits landlords from reporting tenants to collection agencies without first providing written and itemized account to the tenant. Requires that all fees, fines, and costs be shared in writing before a lease begins. These fees must be included on the front page or in an addendum of a lease. If a landlord keeps any portion of a security deposit, it must be for actual costs and repairs for damages proven to be done by the tenant.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senator Fabian Donate, Assemblywoman Cecelia Gonzalez, Assemblywoman Sarah Peters.
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – will return in the 2025 Legislative Session for action.

Senate Bill 171

- **Summary:** Prohibits a person who has been convicted of a hate crime within the immediate preceding ten years from purchasing, owning, or having in one's possession, custody, or control of any firearm.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senator Dallas Harris, Senator Pat Spearman, Senator Fabian Donate
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – returned to Senate for Special Order of Business. No further action allowed.

Senate Bill 302

- **Summary:** Would grant parents of transgender children to make private family decisions to consent to health care without the overreach of government criminalizing parenthood and their decision. The bill emphasizes respect for one's personal freedoms and individual liberty to decide what is medically right for themselves. Additionally, it would allow healthcare providers to practice in Nevada without fear of retribution.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senator James Ohrenschall, Senator Melanie Scheible, Senator Pat Spearman, Senator Dallas Harris, Senator Edgar Flores
- **Position:** No position
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – returned to Senate for Special Order of Business. No further consideration.

Senate Bill 335

- **Summary:** Allows for tenants with pending rental assistance applications that are filed before the eviction complaints, protection from eviction for up to 60 days or until the application is no longer pending/determination made. Permits justice courts to create eviction diversion programs and establish wrap-around services. Tenants that are assigned to an eviction diversion program have their eviction order stayed for up to 60 days.
- **Bill Sponsor:** Senator James Ohrenschall
- **Position:** Support
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – will return in the 2025 Legislative Session for action.

Senate Bill 371

- **Summary:** Grants counties and cities the ability to enact measures relating to affordable housing. Since Nevada is a Dillon's Rule state, local governments are limited to powers expressly granted by the state.
- **Primary Bill Sponsor:** Senate Committee on Government Affairs
- **Position:** No position
- **Effective Date:** Vetoed by Governor – will return in the 2025 Legislative Session for action.