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82<sup>nd</sup> Session Preview: Bills to Watch

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# Agenda

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## Chief Rights Attorney



- *Appointed by the Governor*
- *NRS 427A.123 Attorney for the Rights of Older Persons, Persons With a Physical Disability, an Intellectual Disability or a Related Condition*
  - Provide Education, Advocacy, Technical Assistance
  - Legislative and policy advocacy for the division
  - Act as Legal Assistance Developer (Older Americans Act)
  - Appear as Amicus and file Amicus Curiae briefs on issues that impact older adults and persons with disabilities
  - Member of the Nevada Supreme Court Statewide Guardianship Commission
    - Disclaimer: This is a non-partisan information presentation. Nothing in the presentation should be construed to established an attorney client relationship.



# Health Care Bills

- **BDR 36** - Senator Tatro

Revises provisions for adult care placement companies.

- **BDR 207** - Assemblywoman Kasama

Establishes the Doctors for Nevada Program to attract providers of health care to this State.

- **BDR 12** – Assemblywoman Brown – May

Revises provisions governing the administration of medications by jobs and day training providers.



# BDR 297

- Nevada Committee on Seniors, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs
  - Revises provisions governing Medicaid
    - Structured Family caregiving as a covered HCBW service for certain Medicaid participants.  
This program would include:
      - A choice for participants to have a spouse or other LRI as caregivers.
      - A choice for participants of the community settings where they receive care.
      - A requirement that caregivers become employed by a PCA or intermediary services organization (ISO) and receive training stipulated by ADSD for participants' personal plan of care, and
      - A daily stipend based on a percentage (65%) of the per diem rate paid to PCA/ISO.
        - Proposed by Charles Duarte, Nevada Public Policy and Advocacy Director of the Alzheimer's Association



# BDR 298

- Nevada Committee on Seniors, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs
  - Establishes a program for the diagnosis and treatment of dementia
    - Establish a system of care with partnerships between DHHS and UNR/UNLV medical schools for the diagnosis and care of Nevadans with dementia, called the Nevada Memory Network.
    - Contract for the services of memory assessment clinics. Clinics would expand capacity by hiring or contracting with neurologists, neuropsychologists and geriatricians to diagnose dementia in patients referred, create care plans and train primary care providers. Clinics will use telehealth to reach rural Nevada.
    - Employ or contract with four community-based dementia care navigators to perform the duties described; provide care coordination and referrals to communities based on services and in home care, monitor the well being of care providers, and provide support to care providers including respite care.
      - Proposed by Charles Duarte, Nevada Public Policy and Advocacy Director of the Alzheimer's Association



# Long Term Care and Supports

- **BDR 46** - Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong

Revises provisions governing certain practices of certain health care facilities.

- **BDR 295 - SB45** - Nevada Silver Hair Forum

Revises the monthly amount of personal income that Medicaid recipients who are receiving certain long-term care may retain as a personal needs allowance.

- **BDR 301** - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...

Revises provisions governing residential facilities for groups.

- **BDR 518** - Senator Titus

Revises provisions governing cultural competency training for agents and employees of certain facilities.

- **BDR 299** - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...

Appropriates money to the Adopt a Vet Dental Program.

- **BDR 220** - SB4 ADSD/DHHS

Revises provisions related to the state pharmaceutical assistance program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.





# Long Term Care and Supports 2

- **BDR 55** – Senator Ohrenschall

Revises provisions regarding services to children with special needs.

- **BDR 248** – Senator Ohrenschall

Makes various changes related to services provided to persons with autism spectrum disorder.

- **BDR 547** -- Senator Krasner

Revises provisions relating to services for persons with intellectual disabilities.

- **BDR 562** – Assemblywoman Brown-May

Revises provisions governing caregivers.

- **BDR 563** - Assemblywoman Brown-May

Revises provisions governing services to persons with disabilities.





# Long Term Care and Supports 3

- **BDR 569** - Assemblywoman Brown-May

Enacts the Down's Syndrome Information Act.

- **BDR 658** – Assemblywoman Cohen

Revises provisions governing the support of children with special needs.

- **BDR 774** – Assemblywoman Gorelow

Provides for presumptive eligibility for children on the autism spectrum.

- **BDR 808** – Senator Scheible

Revises provisions relating to persons with disabilities.



# Housing

- **BDR 15** - Senator Spearman
  - Revises provisions to affordable housing
- **BDR 66** - Assemblywoman Thomas
  - Revises provisions governing rent increases
- **BDR 226** - Assemblywoman Gonzalez
  - Revises provisions related to housing
- **BDR 244** - Senator Ohrenschall
  - Revises provisions regarding services provided to the homeless
- **BDR 187** - Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong
  - Revises provisions governing affordable housing
- **BDR 195** - Senator Harris
  - Revises provisions related to homelessness
- **BDR 249** -- Assemblywoman Jauregui
  - Revises provisions governing housing



# Adult Maltreatment

- **BDR 311** Joint Interim Standing Committee Judiciary
  - Revises provisions relating to older persons.
    - Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams
- **BDR 300** Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...
  - Establishes provisions to protect vulnerable adults.
    - Vulnerable Adult Protection Order and Access Warrants
- **BDR 427 / SB61** --- Attorney General
  - Revises provisions relating to crimes of financial exploitation of elderly and vulnerable persons.



# Guardianship/Other Misc.

- **BDR 302** - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...
  - Revises provisions governing guardianship.
- **BDR 431** -- SB15 Nevada Supreme Court
  - Makes various changes related to guardianship.
- **BDR 516** -- Senator Titus
  - Revises provisions governing civil liability for injury or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19.
- **BDR 797** – Assemblywoman Shea Backus
  - Revises provisions governing power of attorney and guardianships.



# Questions?



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