

## Bill Watch List:

### Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

#### Emergency Preparedness

**\*\*\*AB14:** Revises provisions relating to emergency management.

**Summary:** Revises requirements regarding the meetings of the council and duties relating to emergency management, emergency response, and homeland security

**Relevance:** Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nevadans should not be an afterthought especially during crisis events. Therefore, ensuring local governments are prepared to fit the communication needs of the community is imperative and should be funded.

#### Health Care/ Mental Health

**AB35:** Revises provisions governing certain programs to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities with costs relating to health care.

**Summary:** Revisions made to the eligibility requirements in efforts to help seniors and people with disabilities receive assistance with the costs of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical services, and certain other services.

**SB5:** Makes changes relating to telehealth. (BDR 40-416)

**Summary:** requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an electronic tool to analyze certain data concerning access to telehealth; requiring certain entities to review access to services provided through telehealth and evaluate policies to make such access more equitable; revising provisions governing services provided through telehealth and insurance coverage of such service.

**Relevance:** Telehealth should be accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients.

**SB56:** Revises provisions governing insurance coverage of behavioral health services. (BDR 57-124)

**Summary:** relating to insurance; imposing certain requirements governing coverage of behavioral health services

**Relevance:** Outlined in legislative talking points

**SB70:** Revises provisions governing mental health. (BDR 39-418)

**Summary:** relating to mental health; revising provisions governing the use of chemical restraints on persons with disabilities; establishing procedures for placing a person on and releasing a person from a mental health crisis hold; revising provisions governing the emergency admission of a person to a mental health facility or hospital; revising provisions governing involuntary court-ordered admission to a mental health facility and involuntary assisted outpatient treatment

**Relevance:** Outlined in legislative talking points

## Awareness/Advocacy

**AB63:** Makes various changes relating to the financial administration of local governments.

**Summary:** Establish a fund to stabilize the operation of the local government and reduce the effects of emergencies or natural disasters. The money can only be used if the total revenue of the local government falls short.

**Relevance:** Often time Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals do not receive the proper services due to lack of funding. D/HH should not be an afterthought and funds should be allocated to interpreting services to ensure effective communication is accessible especially during an emergency or natural disaster event.

**AB62:** Revises provisions relating to the Nevada ABLE Savings Program. (BDR 38-397)

**Summary:** A tax advantaged saving accounts that is created for people with qualifying disabilities. The funds essentially would be used to continue services for people with disabilities should their caretaker/guardian be unable to do so.

**Relevance:** D/HH including but not limited to individuals that are Deaf Blind should be considered as people with a qualifying disability.

## Employment

**AB38:** Revises provisions relating to career and technical education and work-based learning.

**Summary:** Revises requirements related to work-based learning programs

**Relevance:** Programs are not generally accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals as a result it denies them the same opportunities as their hearing counterparts. Ensuring access to communication would promote more job opportunities especially in vocational/ technical careers.

## Education

**\*\*\*SB76:** Revises provisions relating to education. (BDR 34-297)

**Summary:** relating to education; revising provisions relating to submission and reporting requirements; revising provisions relating to certain advisory councils and committees; renaming the Teachers and Leaders Council of Nevada; abolishing the Nevada Commission on Mentoring; abolishing the State Financial Literacy Advisory Council; abolishing the Commission on Educational Technology; abolishing the Competency-Based Education Network; abolishing the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools; abolishing the Statewide Council for the Coordination of the Regional Training Programs; abolishing the governing bodies of the regional training programs; transferring the duties of such abolished commissions, councils, networks and governing bodies of training programs to the Department of Education;

**Relevance: Up for discussion**