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Human Services**

82nd 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 informational presentation. Nothing in the presentation should be construed to establish an attorney client relationship.



Health Care



Health Care Bills

- NELIS shows nearly 40 bills currently addressing health care
- Only two have language posted at this time
- AB 6 Patient Protection Commission Health Care Growth Benchmarks
 - providing for the establishment of a health care cost growth benchmark for each year as a target for the maximum growth of total health care spending during that year
 - requiring certain state agencies to collaborate to develop strategies for meeting the health care cost growth benchmark
 - requiring the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to publish an annual report concerning health care spending in this State





- BDR 61 - Assemblywoman Dickman
 - Enacts health care freedom protections
- 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 Nevada
- BDR 297 - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...
 - Revises provisions governing Medicaid
- BDR 298 - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...
 - Establishes a program for the diagnosis and treatment of dementia





Long Term Care and Supports





- BDR 46 - Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong
 - Revises provisions governing certain practices of certain health care facilities
- SB 45 (BDR 295) - 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
 - Revises provisions related to the state pharmaceutical assistance program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities





Housing





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





Adult Maltreatment





- BDR 311 - Joint Interim Standing Committee Judiciary
 - Revises provisions relating to older persons
- BDR 312 - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...
 - Establishes provisions to protect vulnerable adults
- SB 61 (BDR 427) - Attorney General
 - Revises provisions relating to crimes of financial exploitation of elderly and vulnerable persons



Guardianship/Other





- BDR – 302 - Nevada Committee Seniors, Veterans...
 - Revises provisions governing guardianship
- SB 15 (BDR - 431)-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



Questions?





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