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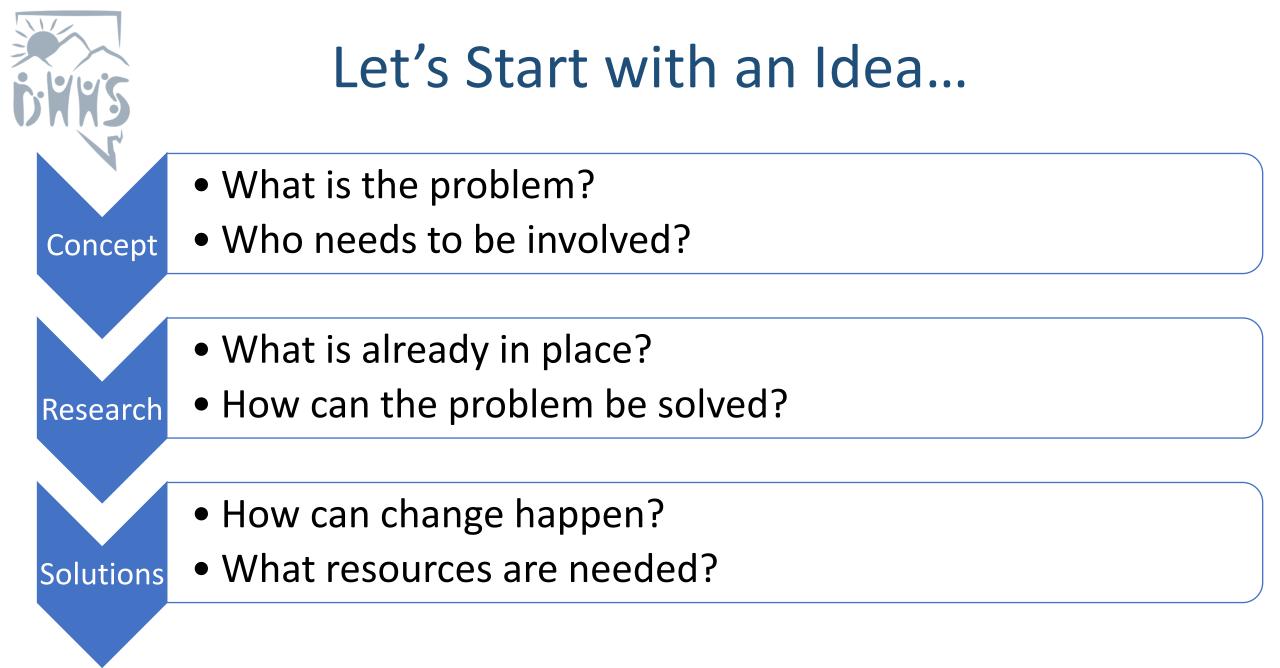




Agenda

- 1) From Idea to Law
- 2) Legislative Process Key Milestones
- 3) Getting Involved in the Process







Budget vs. Policy Solutions

- Budget Solutions
 - Staff
 - Equipment/Technology
 - Direct Services

- Policy Solutions
 - Internal Policy change
 - Regulation change
 - Law change



Agency Actions

- Budget Request agency request to support operations.
 - Final budget presented to Legislature is approved by the Governor
- Internal policy changes change procedures or policies as long as they do not conflict with state or federal law.
- Regulations specific rules or directives to carry out law. Can only be changed during the interim session.
 - Known as Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).
 - Not every law requires a regulation.



Legislative Actions

- Two Key Actions:
 - Approve the state budget
 - Set new laws (or update existing)
- Bill Draft Request a short synopsis of a proposed bill. Typically 1 -2 sentences.
 - Agency a concept that is proposed by an Executive branch agency.
 - Committee a concept that is sponsored by one of the interim committees of the legislature.
 - Legislator a concept that is sponsored by one or more Legislators.
- Bill full text of the proposed changes to Nevada law.
 - Full text of the proposed bill.
 - Amendments shows changes to the bill as it goes through the legislative process.
 - Fiscal Notes financial impact of the bill.



Key Milestones – Legislative Session

- Nevada Legislature meets for 120 days every odd year
 - Exception special session
 - First day first Monday of February
 - Last day early June
- Every Bill must pass through both houses (Senate & Assembly) within certain deadlines
 - First house passage typically April
 - Second house passage typically May
 - Each bill has to be presented at least 3 times in each house
 - Committee Introduction
 - Committee Work Session
 - House Vote



Preparing for Next Session

- Ideas (from slide 3) June 2025 to December 2025
 - A great time for conversations with state agencies and other research
- Interim Committees October 2025 to August 2026
- BDR Watch September 2026 to March 2027
- Legislative Session February 2027 to June 2027



Getting Involved

Opportunities to share your opinion



Following Bills

- NELIS Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System
 - Pronounced like the Airforce Base NELLIS
 - Hub for all information related to BDRs and Bills
- Follow Bills
 - Identify assigned committees
 - Identify meetings past and upcoming
 - View text and amendments (and fiscal notes)
 - See votes and all history



Attend a Meeting

- Watch meetings online or in-person
 - Links will be available in NELIS
 - Be sure to request accommodations in advance
- Provide Public Comment during the open period called by the Chair.
 - In-person, online, or over the telephone
 - Normally a 2-3 minute time limit
- Alternative...submit written comments via email



Questions?



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