

Weekly Update February 2, 2019

Good Morning to all our AFSCME 4041 Retiree members! The Nevada State legislature's 80th Regular Session begins on Monday February 4th 2019 and ends June 3rd 2019. Our full-time Lobbyist Priscilla Maloney will be advocating for our interests and protecting your hard-earned state retirement incomes and healthcare benefits. Priscilla has been with us since the special session of 2014 and if you haven't already-check out her profile on the link on our website homepage: <http://www.afscmenvretirees.org/> Priscilla will be onsite in Carson every week-attending hearings on bills as well as budgets, testifying and submitting exhibits on our behalf during hearings, meeting with legislators and other interest groups and partners, and handling our bill drafting and bill tracking duties. We will be sending you a weekly legislative update through our actionnetwork.org system at the end of each week of the legislature's 120-day work, so please look for it in your email inbox! This update will also be posted on our website under the "Nevada 80th (2019) Session News" tab on the website's home page: <http://www.afscmenvretirees.org/nevada-80th-2019-session-news-4>

We are currently tracking 182 items (bills/budgets and "BDRs"-bill drafts submitted but not turned into bills yet) in the Legislative Counsel Bureau's "PLT" (personalized legislative tracking system). We expect to add more and as session goes on. We will be culling the list also as session goes on-some items will drop off for various reasons. PLT will give us a daily schedule every day showing which budgets and bills that we are tracking are scheduled for hearings on that date.

We will also be attending the "public employee coalition" strategy meetings that all PERS eligible public employees' lobbyists are invited to attend as well as any other working groups hosted by legislators and the Tuesday NV AFL-CIO lunch meetings that are held every session for labor leaders and partners.

You may remember that in 2015 we had many challenges that required calls-to-actions because those legislators that supported our labor issues in the legislature were in the minority. The 2017 session was much calmer by comparison as there were fewer threats to our interests. But if we need to ask for members to "green-shirt up" and come down to the legislature for an action, rally or hearing in one of the buildings (the legislature also live streams hearings in Carson to the Grant Sawyer building in Las Vegas) we will try and give you as much notice as possible. We of course will want to join any actions scheduled by the AFSCME 4041 active employees in solidarity as we support their goal of **FINALLY** getting collective bargaining rights this session.

We will also keep you alerted to events that our members might be interested in. For those in the North and those that can make it up here to join us-we will be having a legislator and elected officials reception at the Gold Dust West in Carson City Thursday February 28 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. All members will be receiving a regular hard-copy newsletter mailing soon that will give more details and RSVP info.

We look forward to a productive 80th Legislative Session! Feel free to send us your thoughts and any questions to Afscmeretirees4041@gmail.com