

Southern Nevada Health District
2009 Legislative Bills
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Summary		Impact
ADMINISTRATIVE		
AB543	Temporarily redirects a portion of the taxes ad valorem levied in Clark and Washoe Counties to the State General Fund and revises the provisions governing the imposition and use of a supplemental governmental services tax in certain counties. (BDR 31-1187)	<p>Requires the deposit into the State General Fund of the portion of the property taxes levied for the next 2 fiscal years for operating purposes by Clark and Washoe Counties at the rate of 4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Currently, the health district receives an allocation of property tax from the county at a rate of 3.5 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. As a result of this redirect in funding, coupled with the decline property tax revenue, the health district's annual allocation from the county has been reduced by 11 percent from \$28,182,950 to \$24,942,525.</p> <p>The SNHD management team has been conducting program reviews in order to identify potential cost-saving measures that will allow the preservation of core services while providing an acceptable level of service to the community. In anticipation of the reduction in the current fiscal year's budget SNHD identified approximately \$1.5 million in additional cost savings to its initial 2009-2010 budget.</p>
SB 17	Revises provisions governing health care records. (BDR 54-607)	Requires records for adolescents be maintained until they reach the age of 23 and maintained for at least 5 years. This will affect the District by requiring additional storage of medical records. The change also requires providers to post a sign that discloses that medical records may be destroyed after the set period, in addition it requires providers to "deliver to the patient a written statement which discloses to the patient that the health care records may be destroyed after the period." Federal law only requires the records be maintained for 6 years after their receipt or production.
CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION		
AB191	Removes the prospective expiration of a provision requiring certain examinations of the height and weight of pupils. (BDR S-827)	Allows for the systematic collection of BMI data among youth in Nevada. Provides health data previously unavailable in Nevada and allows the establishment of a credible prevalence baseline for childhood obesity. Staff has offered to assist in identifying resource personnel to help CCSD with data collection and has offered to provide analysis of Clark County data for NSHD.

SB 72	Authorizes a registered pharmacist to perform certain screening tests. (BDR 54-376)	Authorizes registered pharmacists to perform blood glucose tests. This legislation will result in an increase of resource personnel available to participate in screening activities at community events.
CHILDREN'S HEALTH ISSUES		
AB219	Enacts provisions governing certain blood tests for children. (BDR 40-682)	Encourages providers of health care or other services to perform blood tests to ascertain the amount of lead in the blood of children receiving services at certain ages and requires reporting to the appropriate health authority. The bill supports the health district and the CLPPP in its efforts to identify and remove harmful sources of lead in the community.
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES		
SB304	Revises provisions relating to tests for certain communicable diseases. (BDR 40-844)	Requires physicians and persons who attend to pregnant women to conduct testing during the first trimester of pregnancy in addition to testing during the third trimester as already required by law. No direct or fiscal impact on SNHD. However, may lead to increased identification of syphilis cases and prevention of congenital syphilis.
SB325	Requires hospitals to establish a program concerning methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. (BDR 40-42)	Authorizes each hospital to establish a MRSA infection control program and the development of a method to report information in conjunction with NSHD. Hospital-acquired infections are reportable under current state law.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
AB 16	Provides for the disclosure of certain information to an emergency response employee concerning possible exposure to an infectious disease. (BDR 40-600)	This bill allows a designated officer from an emergency response employer to submit a request for further evaluation to the health officer in order to make a determination of whether an emergency response employee was exposed to an infectious disease after first requesting the information from the appropriate hospital administrator. This bill codifies a practice already adopted by SNHD.
AB 107	Creates the Advisory Committee for the Prevention and Treatment of Stroke within the Health Division of the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-208)	The committee will make recommendation concerning the notification and response of emergency medical services. SNHD will monitor committee activities and potential impact of recommendations on EMS.
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		
AB249	Revises provisions governing the abatement of certain nuisances. (BDR 40-1043)	Authorizes a district health officer or designees to take actions to abate nuisances, provides that all money expended by the health district in abating and preventing the recurrence of nuisances constitutes a lien and establishes an administrative hearing process related to rental dwellings. Regulations will be drafted by staff for consideration and adoption by the district board of health.
AB350	Makes various changes relating to real property. (BDR 10-620)	June 2 amendment exempts privately owned swimming pools used only by members of a private club from the definition of

		“public swimming pool” for purposes of supervision by the Health Authority. Staff and attorney are researching to discern the legal ramifications and determine category of pools that may now be exempt from health district regulations.
AB426	Enacts provisions governing the recycling of certain electronic devices. (BDR 40-466)	Requires NDEP to conduct a study concerning program for reusing and recycling computer and other electronics. NDEP is also required to submit a least one recommendation for legislation as a result of the study. Recommendations may impact the SNHD Solid Waste Management program.
SB60	Revises provisions governing buildings, motor vehicles and other property that has been used in crimes involving methamphetamine or certain other substances. (BDR 40-542)	Requires state and district boards of health to evaluate the removal and remediation of methamphetamine and certain other substances. Requires the State Environmental Commission to adopt regulations. Regulations may require further refinement by SNHD staff for adoption at the local level.
SB137	Provides for the placement of recycling containers in certain locations. (BDR 40-741)	Provides for the placement of recycling containers on the premises of certain apartment complexes, condominiums, and the Nevada System of Higher Education. SNHD staff, the franchise officers from each of the affected jurisdictions, Republic Services and NDEP will meet to determine implementation activities and any associated regulatory actions that may be needed.
SB186	Provides for the issuance of permits for the operation of motor vehicle tire recycling centers. (BDR 40-739)	Requires the district board of health in certain counties to adopt regulations for the issuance of permits to operate facilities for the management of waste tires. Currently, these facilities follow the recycling center permit process adopted by SNHD. SNHD staff has drafted new regulations to comply with provisions of this law for presentation to the board of health.
SB231	Makes various changes concerning food establishment connected with a child care facility. (BDR40-975)	Exempts a licensed child care facility from certain regulations applicable to a food establishment, regardless of whether the child care facility includes a kindergarten. Previously, child care centers with a kindergarten were considered a school. The final version of this bill limits the proposed exemption to licensed kindergarten programs conducted on the premises of a licensed child care centers while providing continued protections for children and allowing SNHD staff to continue to enforce reasonable design standards in schools.
HEPATITIS C OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION		
AB206	Revises provisions relating to public health. (BDR 40-858)	Revises provision relating to reports of sentinel events and authorizes health authorities to conduct investigations of cases or suspected cases of an infectious disease or exposure to biological, radiological or chemical agents and to issue cease and desist orders relating to those investigations. Additional provisions expand the authority of NSHD and its ability to access facility records and take additional actions during an

		investigation. The expansion of authority to investigate cases or suspected cases of an infectious disease or exposure will allow health authorities to better investigate disease, potential sources of disease and outbreaks.
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY		
AB137	Revises provisions governing branch laboratories of the State Hygienic Laboratory. (BDR 40-201)	Designates the State Hygienic Laboratory as the State Public Health Laboratory and authorizes the University of Nevada School of Medicine to designate certain branch laboratories. As the operator of a branch of the state public health laboratory, the interlocal agreement between SNHD and University of Nevada School of Medicine will outline the purposes, powers, rights, objectives and responsibilities of the contracting parties.
TOBACCO CONTROL		
AB309	Revises provisions relating to crimes. (BDR 15-994)	Revises provisions relating to the crime of stalking and revises provisions relating the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act. Allows smoking in areas of a convention facility in which a meeting or trade show related to tobacco or a professional association for convenience stores and involves the display of tobacco products. SNHD staff will include facilities and trade shows meeting these requirements from the NCIAA. Regulations drafted by state and local health authorities will reflect this exemption.
SB340	Revises provisions governing the allocation of certain money from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. (BDR 40-1133)	Revises provisions governing the allocation by the Department of Health and Human Services of certain money from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. This bill requires the money be allocated for programs consistent with CDC guidelines and requires the money be allocated to the district board of health in each county whose population is 100,000 or more, for programs in counties whose population is less than 100,000 and for evaluations and other programs deemed necessary by the NSHD. SNHD will administer a local funding and review program in order to ensure funds are distributed and used for programming in keeping with CDC guidelines.
SB430	Transfers money from the Trust Fund for Public Health and the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to the State General Fund. (BDR S-1214)	Transfers money from the Trust Fund for Public Health and the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to the State General Fund. This bill transfers the amounts identified for this purpose during the interim sessions and indicates the amounts transferred from each particular program.