



The 2023 Session of the Nevada Legislature commenced on February 6, 2023. The 120-day session is in full swing and is scheduled to conclude at midnight on June 5. Different from last session, new and existing legislators, staff, and lobbyists are working in an in-person environment.

The session started off slow with only 290 bills dropping in the first week. Multiple winter storms inconvenienced the legislators and delayed some of their efforts. Like previous sessions, the NIIA Legislative Committee discovered some challenges with proposed legislation that could lead to a negative impact for our agents and our customers. In addition to tracking proposed bills, counseling with the association lobbyist



Jim Wadhams, Esq. and Jesse Wadhams, Esq., the committee hosted the Big 'I' Day on the Hill, Thursday, April 6, 2023, where our membership met with legislators and discussed the pros and cons of certain bills and encouraged them to utilize the NIIA and our members as a resource. **Shout Out** to NIIA members and partners who attended: Melanie Hawkins, Ross Driscoll Sr., Logan Wease, Jared Rossi, Kalie Riersgard, Tracy Donahoe, Seth Frandsea, Paul Abawi, Jana

Foster, Steve Wilkins, Scott Menath, Francie Stocking, Rachael Rizzi, Cory Semel, Alice Townsend, and Susan Bauman. Thank you to all for their time and advocacy.

Last week finished with over 950 proposed bills. Legislators were working at a frenetic pace as Friday, April 14 was deadline for marking the first house committee passage. This means if a bill has not passed through a committee work session by midnight or has not been granted an exemption to legislative rules is 'dead'.

Attached is the 'leave behind' delivered to legislators which includes our position on the following bills: **SB30, SB57, SB179, AB141, AB 209 (AB404), AB398, and AB441**. The Committee addressed the issues while meeting with them at the NIIA Day on the Hill.

A number of bills moved this past week, and while we won't know the full impact from Friday's activities, the committee will be reviewing the highlights and following up on proposed legislation that is still pending. Out of the above-mentioned bills, SB30 and SB179 have died, SB274 will see much needed addendums and though AB209 died, AB 404 is still in the workings and offers similar if not worse challenges to our state.

In addition to legislation, the NIIA Committee met with Commissioner Kipper regarding additional issues believed to be best addressed with regulation. Though he has only been back since February 27, Commissioner Kipper has been most generous with his time and the Committee is confident we will be able to find solutions for these issues facing our membership and insureds.

The first is Red Brush. Wildfire risk and corresponding carrier capacity and willingness to cover these risks have plagued the homeowners and businesses in the wildfire prone areas of the state. This has created an unhealthy marketplace and has forced many properties into the least desirable non-admitted insurance market. Ultimately, the State Division of Insurance may need to assist these consumers with an alternative solution to protect their assets.

The second is Self-Insured Groups (SIGs). There are a number of transparency and disclosure concerns with SIGs. The Committee is discussing these issues with the Commissioner and is also requested there to be a mandatory annual disclosure notification (stamp on policies) reminding policy holders of the joint and several liability they may be found responsible for at time of loss or many years after.

The NIIA Legislative Committee looks forward to serving the NIIA membership and will share communications again when there are new developments that impact our industry.

#### Big 'I' Legislative Conference April 26-29, 2023-Washington D.C.

##### The Big "I" Leads the Way in Washington, D.C.

Spring is a great time to visit Washington and an even better time to connect with Big "I" independent agents on Capitol Hill. NIIA will have representation at the one-of-a-kind event and will get up to speed on the many legislative, regulatory, and legal challenges happening to our profession right now. We will hear from industry leaders and spend time meeting with your legislators in Washington, D.C. April 26-29.

A few of the issues being tackled at the federal level are: State Implementation of Federal Data Privacy, Small Business Tax Fairness & Incentives, FTC Non-Compete Proposal, National Flood Insurance Program, and the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Please see attached One Page Issue Summary. To view the virtual briefing on April 19, [click here](#).

The Big "I" Legislative Conference is open to all independent agents. Reach out to the NIIA office if you would like information on future conferences.