



# NSCB Industry Alert



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## **BECOME AN ENGAGED CONTRACTOR** **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**HENDERSON, Nev.** – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) encourages all licensed contractors to take an active role in identifying, tracking, and voicing their opinion on legislative matters being heard in the State Legislature. Many of the bills that have been introduced directly impact the construction industry and could pose serious threats to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

**IMPORTANT TO KNOW:** All legislative items must pass out of their committee of origin (Assembly committee if an Assembly Bill – Senate committee if a Senate Bill) by Friday, April 12. Any bill that does not pass is considered dead – inactive. Therefore, it is vital to track those bills of interest to you, as it can be expected they will move quickly through the committee process in the days ahead.

Perhaps the most onerous is [Assembly Bill 334](#), which seeks to exempt certain property owners, licensed real estate brokers and salespersons from certain contracting provisions in NRS 624. NSCB and construction industry representatives are participating in work sessions with the real estate industry and Assemblyman Healey to draft amendments to the existing language. Of greatest concern is the public's protection and ensuring that licensed contractors are used for projects that require a license. NSCB submitted a statement of opposition to this bill, which can be viewed on the [NELIS website](#).

A similar bill, [Senate Bill 494](#) has been introduced in the State Senate. No action has been taken to date.

Another bill, [AB285](#) would allow anyone who pays taxes in Nevada to halt a public works construction project simply by *filing* a petition for a writ of mandamus or writ of prohibition *alleging* violation of a statute. If passed as written, the bill would require the contract be halted until a court rules on the allegation.

Bills dealing with construction defect litigation, prevailing wage, mechanics liens, labor law and other issues affecting the construction profession also are under consideration in Carson City.

### **MAKE YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**

#### **[Write your comments online](#)**

**Attend the Committee meetings** in person at the Legislative Building in Carson City (401 S. Carson Street) or via video link to the Sawyer Building in Las Vegas (555 E. Washington Avenue) and testify as in support of, in opposition to or neutral on the bills. To learn when and where the bills will be discussed, visit the Legislature's NELIS website (<https://nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013>). Click on "Bills" and navigate to the bill number you're interested in. You can also use this site to search by subject matters of interest to you.

**Contact a legislator directly:** Write, call or email your legislator and the chairpersons of the committees hearing the bills. You can [find your legislator](#) or [committee chairs and members](#) on the legislative website. Click on the committee name for the information.