

STATE OF NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS 100 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT March 31, 2025

Budget Status and Expenditures (FY24-25) (Budget #1041)

- National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (2025 dues): \$900
- There is approximately \$6,000 remaining in budget authority for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- <u>Proposed Budget (FY26-27)</u>: The budget for the upcoming biennium is flat compared to the current biennium. The Governor's Finance Office did not accept our enhancement request for the prosecutors conference or additional training funds.

Training Opportunities

- <u>High Risk Protection Order Training</u>: In-person training in both Las Vegas (April 7) and Reno (April 10).
- Zero Abuse Project's Successful Prosecutions Training (PDF of agenda attached as separate document.

83rd Legislative Session (first committee passage deadline: April 11)

• Assembly Bill 19

 AB19 increases the membership of the Substance Use Response Working Group to, among other things, add a representative of the Nevada District Attorneys Association. This bill received a recommendation of **amend and do pass** from the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services with two dissenting votes with this amendment.

• Assembly Bill 34

 AB34 adds certain crimes to those crimes listed as "violent or sexual offenses" for the purposes of deferred judgments, probation length, early discharges from probation, and mandatory reporting requirements. This bill received a unanimous recommendation of **amend and do pass** from the Assembly Committee on Judiciary with <u>this amendment</u>.

• Assembly Bill 35

O AB35 sought to amend laws relating to child pornography to include images, videos, and other media involving sexual images of children to include those altered or created by artificial intelligence. Because those same provisions are being addressed in Senate Bill 263, our office decided to amend the bill to solely address a terminology change from "child pornography" to "child sexual abuse material." This bill received a unanimous recommendation of amend and do pass from the Assembly Committee on Judiciary with this amendment.

• Assembly Bill 45

 AB45 changes the name of the Committee on Domestic Violence to the "Committee on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" to better reflect the duties and work of the Committee. This bill received a unanimous recommendation of amend and do pass from the Assembly Committee on Judiciary with this amendment.

• Assembly Bill 63

AB63 makes various changes to a civil action brought against the state for a wrongful conviction, including when a person is allowed to file such an action, the burden the person must meet in order to attain a certificate of innocence, and the types of monetary relief permitted by statute. This bill was heard on February 19, and is awaiting a vote by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

• Assembly Bill 64

O AB64 makes various changes to the Open Meeting Law, including adding minimum time limits for public comment, adding certain prohibitions on what can be addressed during public comment, and amending requirements for meetings held virtually without a physical location. This bill was heard on February 26, and is awaiting a vote by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs.

• Senate Bill 14

O Generally, SB14 prohibits a court from granting bail to a person arrested for a battery that constitutes domestic violence if that person is currently under a suspended sentence or serving a term of residential confinement for a separate offense. It is the understanding of the Attorney General's Office that this bill will not receive a hearing.

• Senate Bill 35

SB35 prohibits employees, volunteers, or contractors of a prison from communicating with inmates on subjects outside of the scope of their employment for prurient or other illegal purposes. The bill also changes the definition of "intoxicating liquor" to include illegal substances more broadly. Lastly, the bill increases the penalty for sexual abuse of a prisoner. This bill was heard by the Senate Committee on Judiciary on March 10. Following the hearing, the Attorney General's Office submitted an amendment to remove section 1 of the bill. The bill is awaiting a vote by the Committee.

• Senate Bill 50

O SB50 adds the crime of theft to the list of crimes for which an additional penalty must be imposed if the crime is committed against an elderly person or a

vulnerable person. This bill was heard on March 10 by the Senate Committee on Judiciary and is awaiting a vote by the Committee.

• Senate Bill 62

SB62, as introduced, creates a crime of bias in NRS, and also creates an account within the Attorney General's Office to provide victims of bias and hate crimes with support and resources. This bill is scheduled to be heard on April 8. After internal discussions, the Attorney General's Office plans on submitting an amendment to have the bill solely appropriate money to both the Victims of Crime Compensation Fund and the new account created in the Attorney General's Office to support victims of hate crimes.

• Senate Bill 66

 SB66 amends the judicial districts in which post-conviction writs of habeas corpus are filed. This bill was heard by the Senate Committee on Judiciary on March 4. It has since received a recommendation of **do pass** from the Committee, and passed unanimously out of the full Senate.