

FINAL REPORT TEMPLATE

Public Records Task Force
State of Nevada

Submitted to: Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau
For Transmittal to:

- Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs
- Senate Standing Committee on Government Affairs
- Assembly Standing Committee on Government Affairs

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Executive Summary

Include:

- Background and legislative authority
- Summary of evaluation areas
- Highlights of key issues identified
- Summary of major recommendations

1. Introduction

1.1 Legislative Mandate

The Public Records Task Force was created by [Assembly Bill 128](#) (NRS 239.010). The purpose of this Task Force is to evaluate certain topics relating to requests for public records and make certain recommendations. The bill also: (1) prescribes the membership and duties of the Task Force; and (2) requires the Task Force to submit a written report describing its work and recommendations for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs and the Senate and Assembly Standing Committees on Government Affairs for the 84th Session of the Legislature.

1.2 Objectives

The Task Force was charged with evaluating:

- Current exemptions to Chapter 239 of NRS
- Policies relating to public records of review boards established under NRS 289.380 and 289.383
- The impact of broad public records requests on governmental entities
- The cost, burden, and time constraints associated with redaction
- The financial burden on persons requesting public records
- Mechanisms for resolving disputes, including mediation and alternative dispute resolution
- Methods for collecting and sharing data related to public records requests

The Task Force was further directed to make recommendations addressing these areas and the following enumerated recommendations:

- To clarify the custodianship and control of public records
- To protect sensitive information while promoting government transparency
- To identify situations in which access to public records should be granted or denied
- For penalties to impose against governmental entities for providing delayed or incomplete responses to a request for public records
- For protocols to protect personal information and criminal investigations
- For a standardized fee schedule
- For mechanisms to protect governmental entities from retaliatory litigation

1.3 Methodology

Explain how the Task Force conducted its work:

- Public meetings and stakeholder engagement
- Received presentations from the following
 - Nevada Municipal Clerks Association
 - Urban Consortium
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- Review of existing statutes, regulations, and policies
- Research activities
- Consideration of best practices from other jurisdictions

2. Overview of Nevada Public Records Law

Provide overview.

3. Findings and Evaluation

3.1 Current Exemptions to Chapter 239 of NRS

- Provide overview
- Identify gaps, ambiguity, and/or redundancies

3.2 Policies Relating to Review Boards (NRS 289.380 & 289.383)

- Provide overview
- Identify challenges and inconsistencies

3.3 Impact of Broad Public Records Requests

- Identify effects on governmental operations
- Provide case examples or data
- Identify resource implications

3.4 Cost, Burden, and Time Constraints for Redaction

- List staffing and technological limitations
- Provide time required for compliance
- Identify legal and operational challenges

3.5 Financial Burden on Requestors

- Provide fee structures
- List accessibility concerns
- Identify equity considerations

3.6 Dispute Resolution Mechanisms

- Identify existing processes
- List effectiveness and current gaps

3.7 Data Collection and Sharing Methods

- Identify current practices

- Provide data limitations

4. Recommendations

4.1 Clarification of Custodianship and Control

- Provide proposed statutory or administrative changes.

4.2 Protection of Sensitive Information and Transparency

- Provide proposed changes to balance privacy with public access.

4.3 Criteria for Granting or Denying Access

- Define clearer standards and guidelines.

4.4 Penalties for Delayed or Incomplete Responses

- Recommend enforcement mechanisms and accountability measures.

4.5 Protocols to Protect Personal Information and Criminal Investigations

- Outline safeguards and best practices.

4.6 Standardized Fee Schedule

- Propose a consistent and equitable framework.

4.7 Mechanisms to Protect Government Entities From Retaliatory Litigation

- Recommend measures to protect against abusive or retaliatory legal action.

5. Implementation Considerations

Discuss how recommendations can be enacted.

Include:

- Legislative changes required
- Administrative actions
- Investments in technology, staffing, training, etc.
- Ongoing oversight

6. Summary of Task Force Work

Provide a summary of:

- Activities conducted
- Stakeholder input
- Key discussions and deliberations

7. Conclusion

Summarize the Task Force recommendations and potential impact.

8. Appendix

Include supporting materials such as:

- Meeting agendas and minutes
- Presentations, legal references, etc.
- Comparative analysis with other states