



# Legislative Update

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Dear Friend,

This is the 11th in my ongoing series of email newsletters designed to keep you updated about key topics under consideration at the Legislature. If you DO NOT want to receive these newsletters, please reply to this message and I'll be happy to remove you from the list.

As I am sure you have heard, new projections for our state budget indicate shortfalls of \$900 million. Below you will find information about the Economic Forum and hearings to get public input on how to get our state budget back into balance.

Over the next few weeks, legislators will be working to find solutions to Nevada's severe budget shortfall. The Legislature's Interim Finance Committee is holding hearings this week and next week on the shortfall, and there are legislative town hall meetings in Las Vegas and Reno on February 13.

You can also provide your suggestions on the legislative website at [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us) by clicking on the link at the bottom of the home page. You can also watch or listen to the Interim Finance Committee hearings on the legislative website.

Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or suggestions. My phone number is 702-767-1315 and my email address is [mkirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us](mailto:mkirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us).

Below are the upcoming hearings:

**Thursday, February 4— Interim Finance Committee  
9am**

(Review of proposed spending reductions for K-12 and higher education)

**Carson City:** Rm. 4100, Legislative Building

Videoconferenced to Grant Sawyer State Office Building,  
Las Vegas

**Tuesday, February 9— Interim Finance Committee  
9am**

(Review of proposed spending reductions for the Department of Health and Human Services including mental health and welfare services)

**Las Vegas:** Rm. 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building

Videoconferenced to Legislative Building, Carson City

**Wednesday, February 10— Interim Finance  
Committee 9am**

(Review of proposed spending reductions for Child and Family Services and the Department of Aging)

**Las Vegas:** Rm. 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building

Videoconferenced to Legislative Building, Carson City

**Saturday, February 13— Concurrent Town Hall  
Meetings on State Budget  
9am**

**Reno:** Reno City Hall, City Council Chambers

**Las Vegas:** Rm. 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building

### **State Budget Update**

Last spring, the Nevada Legislature passed a balanced budget, reduced the deficit by more than 70% of Nevada businesses and cut state spending by more than a billion dollars. The balanced budget was based on projections made by the Economic Forum, a nonpartisan panel of Nevada economist and business leaders.

While Economic Forum projections were based on expectations of a very strong recovery, it has been even slower than anticipated, and we now find ourselves with a budget shortfall.

I will continue to provide you updates on this process. In the meantime, please contact me with any suggestions or questions you might have.

We are committed to working together to help Nevadans weather this economic downturn until the economy turned around.

### **"Giving Back" Essay Contest Results**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the "Giving Back" essay contest! We had eight winners from four different schools in the district. Some of the ideas for "giving back" in our community included year-round food drives, helping our senior citizens, rescuing abandoned animals, and providing clothes to the homeless. I'd like to say "thank you" to every student who participated in the essay contest.

### **Other Events in Our District**

- Nevada Reading Week is March 1-5. Take the time to volunteer at a local school and read with a child.
- Sales for the Mega Scout Expo begin soon. You may be approached by Scouts inviting you to participate in the Scout Expo by purchasing a valuable [Scout Expo Card](#). This credit card sized discount card is your pass to see the exhibits the boys have set up at Sunset Park, but your \$5 donation is worth much more. The ticket also provides you access to thousands of half price offers, huge discounts, and BOGOs (buy one, get one) at locations all over the country. Many have purchased the cards as gifts for relatives out of town who can benefit from this nationwide discount program. [Ticket Sales](#) begin on March 13, 2010.
- It's time for Girl Scout cookies! You can place your pre-order for cookies now. Cookies are \$3.50 per box. You can call Frontier Council @ 385-3677.

- Please do not hesitate to let me know about other community events in Assembly District 1.

### **Contact Me**

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss any issues or concerns. My number is 702-767-1315 and my email address is [mkirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us](mailto:mkirkpatrick@asm.state.nv.us).

Sincerely,

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