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Participant's Questions & Answers

Q: How is it decided which house a bill starts in?

A: The house that a bill begins its lifecycle depends on where the bill is introduced. If an assembly member introduces a bill, it will start in the assembly, and if a senator introduces the bill, it will begin in the senate. For interim committees, the interim chair can decide which house to originate the bill. While the executive branch does not introduce bills, a member of the executive branch (such as a state/local agency or the Governor) can request a bill draft from a legislative staff attorney.

Q: How does one qualify to gain access to NELIS?

A: Sign up online at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Authenticate/Account/Register>

If you are an executive branch employee, use your work email address to receive the expanded version. Please note - for federally funded entities, there is a lobbying disclosure.

Q: Who are letters of support addressed to, especially when you are unsure which committee will host the bill?

A: Most of the time, you should send letters of support to the committee staff of the committee that the letter is being heard in (which may be multiple committees). To ensure that individual legislators are seeing the bill when it goes to the floor, it may be helpful to additionally send the letter of support to the staff of individual legislators during the bill's committee hearing. Committee staff information is available on [NELIS](#).

Q: Can you view BDR language if it is not attached to an assembly or senate bill yet? For instance, I would like to view the language for BDR 547 from Assemblywoman Gonzalez, but it seems that there is nothing to click on in NELIS.

A: In this case, if it is a bill draft request, you cannot see the language until the bill has been filed. The best practice would be to reach out to your assembly person and ask to see the language.

Q: Do you know how many vetoed bills are returning to the next session?

A: In Nevada, any bills vetoed by the governor automatically return to the next legislative session, meaning all vetoed bills will be considered again in the following session; there is no specific number mentioned as every vetoed bill is eligible to be reintroduced.

Q: Can this presentation be sent out to all attendees afterwards and where will this recording be found online?

A: Every OFA training is recorded and posted online, along with all training materials and PowerPoints. Additionally, OFA sends out a follow-up email that includes the recording, Q&A, PowerPoint slides, and any other related documents to all attendees who registered for the training.

Q: How does the governor's budget get submitted at the end of legislative session?

A: The governor submits the budget to the Legislature no later than 14 days before the legislative session. The governor also submits recommendations for each legislative measure to the Legislative Counsel by the 19th day of the legislative session. These recommendations are necessary to carry out the final budget.

Helpful Links:

LCB Research Division website: [https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Guide to Legislature](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Guide%20to%20Legislature): <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Content/items/the-guide-to-the-nevada-legislature-current>

Interim committee tracking sign up:
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/InterimCommittee/REL/Interim2023>

Nevada ELearn GFO Budge Officer Training: [NV ELearn: All courses](#) (*Please note: only state agencies or people with state login credentials can access this training*)

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