

Rural Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board

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Bill Number	Topic	Summary	Status
Assembly Bill 6	Revises provisions relating to the cost of health care.	Directs the Patient Protection Commission to establish benchmarks to monitor health care spending growth. Uses the definition of “Health Care Provider” from NRS 629.31, which includes psychologists, marriage and family therapists, certified professional counselors, clinical social workers, and drug, alcohol, and gambling counselors.	Will be in Assembly HHS. Need more comprehensive language review and TA from Patient Protection Commission.
Assembly Bill 9	Revises provisions governing regional behavioral health policy boards. (From the Northern RBHPB)	Bill from Northern RBHPB. Seeks to establish the RBHPBs as regional behavioral health authorities, or at least to enable the Boards to apply for and accept funding, house their own staff, etc. May result in additional duties being charged to the RBHPBs.	Will be in Assembly HHS. The Northern RBHPB approved a series of amendments to the bill language at its last meeting. Formal language changes will be forthcoming upon the start of the legislative session. The Northern RBHC may be available for comment.
Assembly Bill 37	Authorizes the establishment of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Center of Nevada. (From the Rural RBHPB)	Rural RBHPB bill.	Referred to Assembly Committee on Education, due to the Center’s placement within the NSHE system.
Assembly Bill 45	Creates a program to repay the student education loans of certain providers of health care.	From State Treasurer’s Office. Creates the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program to repay the student education loans of qualified providers of health care	Will be in Assembly Committee on Government Affairs. Need to clarify if this conflicts or may work in support of or addition to AB 69 from the Washoe RBHPB.

		who work in certain underserved communities.	
Assembly Bill 69	Expands the loan repayment program administered by the Nevada Health Service Corps to include certain providers of behavioral health care. (From the Washoe RBHPB)	Bill from the Washoe RBHPB. Explicitly expands the existing Nevada Health Service Corps to include loan repayment and public service programming for behavioral health professions who can be placed in underserved communities across the state.	Will be in Assembly Committee on Education. The current program is vital for adding to the health care workforce that serves rural Nevada. This would augment that program to include more behavioral health professions. The Washoe RBHC may be available to provide further information upon request.
Senate Bill 68	Establishes programs to provide certain assistance relating to housing. (From the Clark RBHPB)	Bill from the Clark RBHPB. Creates a “Critical Needs Fund”, to be managed by the Division of Business and Industry, that will fund housing services including very low-income housing, supportive housing, and supportive services. Funds are generated by a \$0.20 increase on the tax of transfer of real property “for each \$500 value or fraction thereof”.	Will be in Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development. May reach out to Clark RBHC and the Chair of the Clark RBHPB to gain further insight as to the details and projected outcomes of this bill.