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vote history**NV Legislative Scorecard 2025****Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution**

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote	Vote
1. SB6 Cloud-seeding Program Funding (Passed 39 to 3 on 6/2/2025). Appropriates \$600,000 in both FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 to the Desert Research Institute to support Nevada's State Cloud Seeding Program. Estimated cost per household: -\$1.01/year.	NONE ?
2. SB132 Clean Energy Fund (Passed 36 to 6 on 6/2/2025). Appropriates \$500,000 from the State General Fund to the Nevada Clean Energy Fund. Estimated cost per household: -\$0.42/year.	NONE ?
3. SB155 Illegals in Law Enforcement (Passed 27 to 15 on 5/22/2025). Allows Nevada agencies to hire noncitizens as law-enforcement officers.	NONE ?
4. AB245 Second Amendment Violation (Passed 27 to 15 on 4/22/2025). Significantly tightens Nevada's firearm restrictions for young adults and older minors.	NONE ?
5. AB244 Styrofoam Ban (Passed 36 to 6 on 4/17/2025). Phases in a statewide ban on polystyrene foam ("Styrofoam") food containers.	NONE ?
6. AB82 Unamerican Holidays (Passed 33 to 9 on 4/17/2025). Requires the governor of Nevada to issue annual proclamations recognizing four cultural and religious observances: Diwali Day, Eid al-Fitr Day, Vaisakhi Day, and Vesak (Buddha) Day.	NONE ?

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\$293,656

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Cloud-seeding Program Funding

SB6 appropriates \$600,000 in both FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 to the Desert Research Institute to support Nevada's State Cloud Seeding Program.

The Nevada State Assembly passed SB6 on June 2, 2025 by a vote of 39 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation pushes experimental and largely unaccountable weather-modification practices that pose risks to public health, property, and civil liberties. As *The New American* has reported, federal agencies, corporations, and globalist climate activists increasingly promote geoengineering and atmospheric manipulation as tools to advance the false climate-change narrative and justify sweeping controls on energy and human behavior.

2. Clean Energy Fund

SB132 appropriates \$500,000 from the State General Fund to the Nevada Clean Energy Fund to help secure and implement grants for energy projects.

The Nevada State Assembly passed SB132 on June 2, 2025 by a vote of 36 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill channels substantial taxpayer money into Marxist climate-change programs that distort the free market and embrace the false climate-change narrative.

3. Illegals in Law Enforcement

SB155 allows Nevada agencies to hire noncitizens as law enforcement-officers beginning January 1, 2026, as long as the person is legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law, has already been employed as a peace officer in another state, and meets all other Nevada requirements for law-enforcement employment.

The Nevada State Assembly passed SB155 on May 22, 2025 by a vote of 27 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation undermines public safety and U.S. citizenship. While the 10th Amendment reserves to the states the authority to regulate law-enforcement qualifications, this power should be exercised in a manner that upholds the integrity of both law enforcement and citizenship. Allowing noncitizens to exercise police power and authority over citizens as law-enforcement officers undermines public trust in law enforcement and raises concerns about allegiance and accountability.

4. Second Amendment Violation

AB245 makes it a gross misdemeanor for anyone under 21 to possess or control a semiautomatic shotgun or centerfire rifle. It creates matching penalties for adults who aid or allow someone under 21 to possess these firearms and expands negligent-storage rules. Also, children 14 and older may no longer use semiautomatic shotguns or centerfire rifles under the hunting and training exceptions, and additional secure-storage requirements apply when firearms are kept in the home.

The Nevada State Assembly passed AB245 on April 22, 2025 by a vote of 27 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation is a direct and egregious assault on the constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms. By criminalizing law-abiding adults under 21 for possessing commonly owned firearms, AB245 treats God-given rights as government-granted privileges. This legislation punishes responsible families, hunters, and young adults while doing nothing to deter violent criminals, who ignore gun laws.

5. Styrofoam Ban

AB244 phases in a statewide ban on Styrofoam food containers. Large food-dispensing establishments with 10 or more locations in the state may no longer sell, serve, or transport food or beverages in disposable polystyrene-foam containers, with civil penalties up to \$100 per day.

The Nevada State Assembly passed AB244 on April 17, 2025 by a vote of 36 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because government should not interfere in commerce or the free market, nor violate America's founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Additionally, this legislation advances the false climate-change narrative promoted by the globalist United Nations' Agenda 2030.

6. Unamerican Holidays

AB82 requires the governor of Nevada to issue annual proclamations recognizing four cultural and religious observances: Diwali Day, Eid al-Fitr Day, Vaisakhi Day, and Vesak (Buddha) Day.

The Nevada State Assembly passed AB82 on April 17, 2025 by a vote of 33 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because by requiring the governor to issue official proclamations recognizing non-Christian religious observances, the Legislature is granting state endorsement to religious practices outside the Judeo-Christian tradition upon which America's civil institutions were built. The Founders consistently recognized Almighty God—not a pantheon of deities—as the source of liberty, law, and moral order.