



Legislative Priorities 2019 Legislative Session

Public Health Improvement Fund

The Health District will work with its local and state counterparts to support a bill draft request sponsored by the Legislative Committee on Health Care that will appropriate a dedicated funding stream to build public health infrastructure and capacity.

Chronic Disease Reporting

The Health District will support legislation that mandates laboratories report chronic diseases markers to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health and the local health authorities. Chronic disease markers provide vital information about a population's risk for developing chronic diseases as well as increased cancer deaths.

Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act Modernization

Nevada, along with the rest of the United States, has seen an increase in the use of e-cigarette products. Additionally, the state recently passed recreational marijuana laws. Currently, the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act only addresses conventional/traditional tobacco products. The Health District will work with partners regarding legislation that ensures the Nevada Clean Indoor Air is updated to address current and emerging gaps in the statute in addition to conventional and other combustible products.

E-cigarette Revenue Bill

The Health District will support legislation that will tax electronic cigarette products at a rate equivalent to traditional tobacco products.

Tobacco 21

More than 90 percent of smokers start before the age of 21. Tobacco 21 laws are proven effective in preventing smoking initiation among high school students. The Health District will support raising the age to buy tobacco products in Nevada from 18 to 21.

Medicaid Enhancements

The Health District will monitor Medicaid legislation and support changes that will enhance access for patients and reimbursements for providers.