

Developing Universal Regulatory Guidelines for Special Events: a Multi-Jurisdictional Approach

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WARNING!

- This presentation contains Regulatory Ignorance, Lack of Common Sense, and Bare Butts



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Problem Statement

- **Despite the trends for more and larger special events and the relevant risks there are still inconsistencies and gaps in regulation among jurisdictions across the United States.**
- Sub-Problems
 - Unregulated or under-regulated aspects of sanitation.
 - Autonomy and discontinuity among special event regulators and regulations.



Event Complexity and Risks

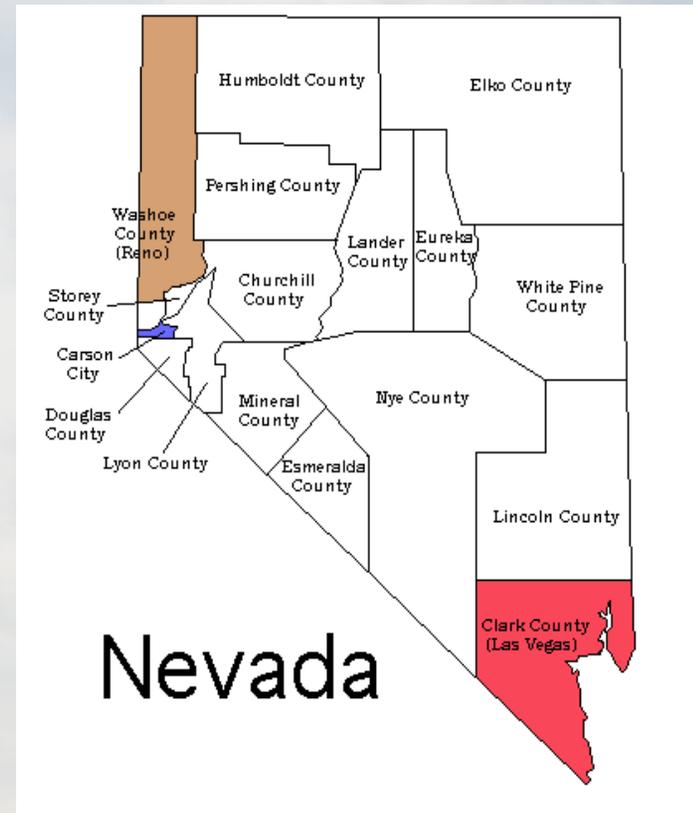
An Historical Perspective



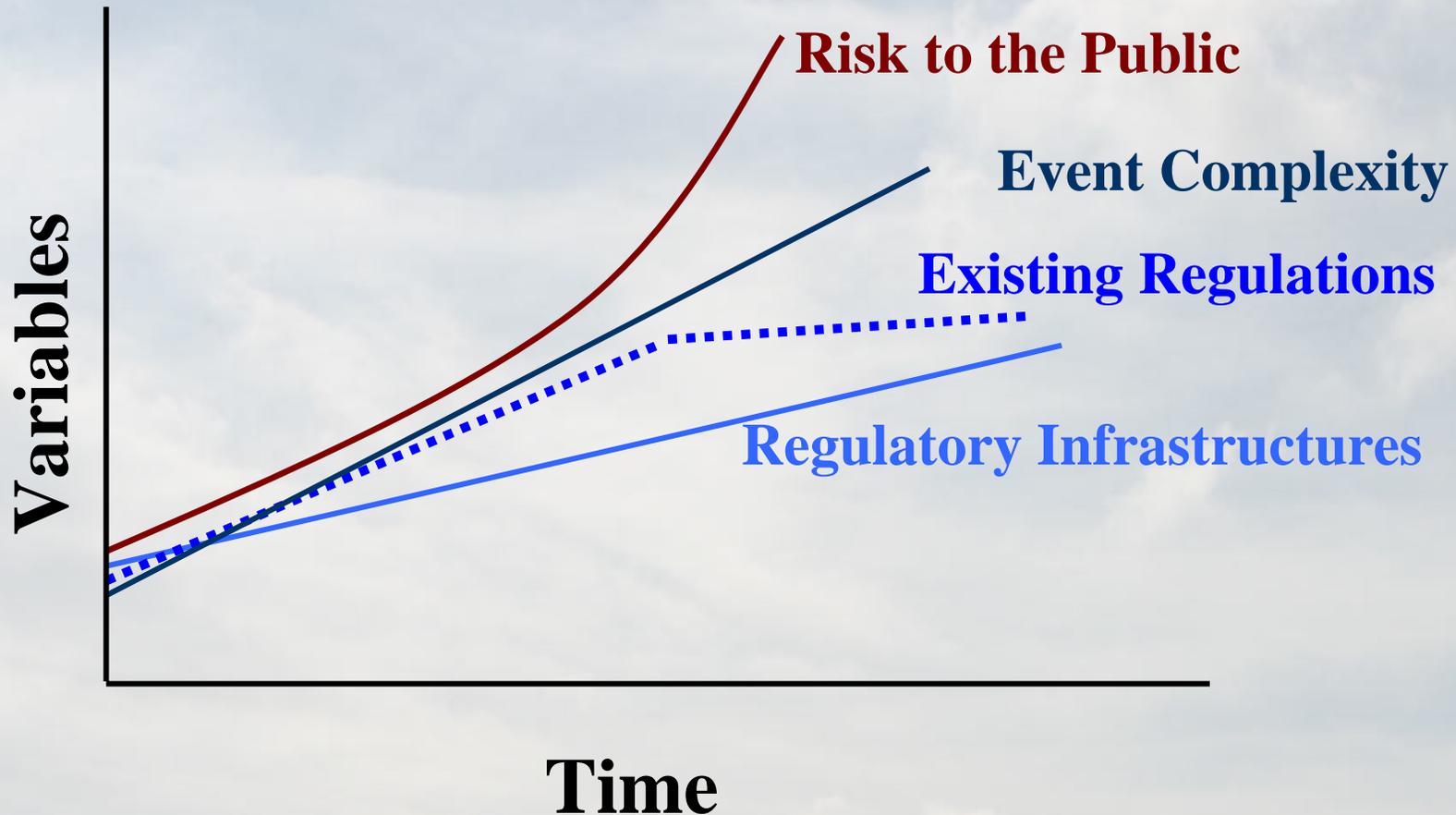
Regulations and Infrastructures

Delegation of Authority

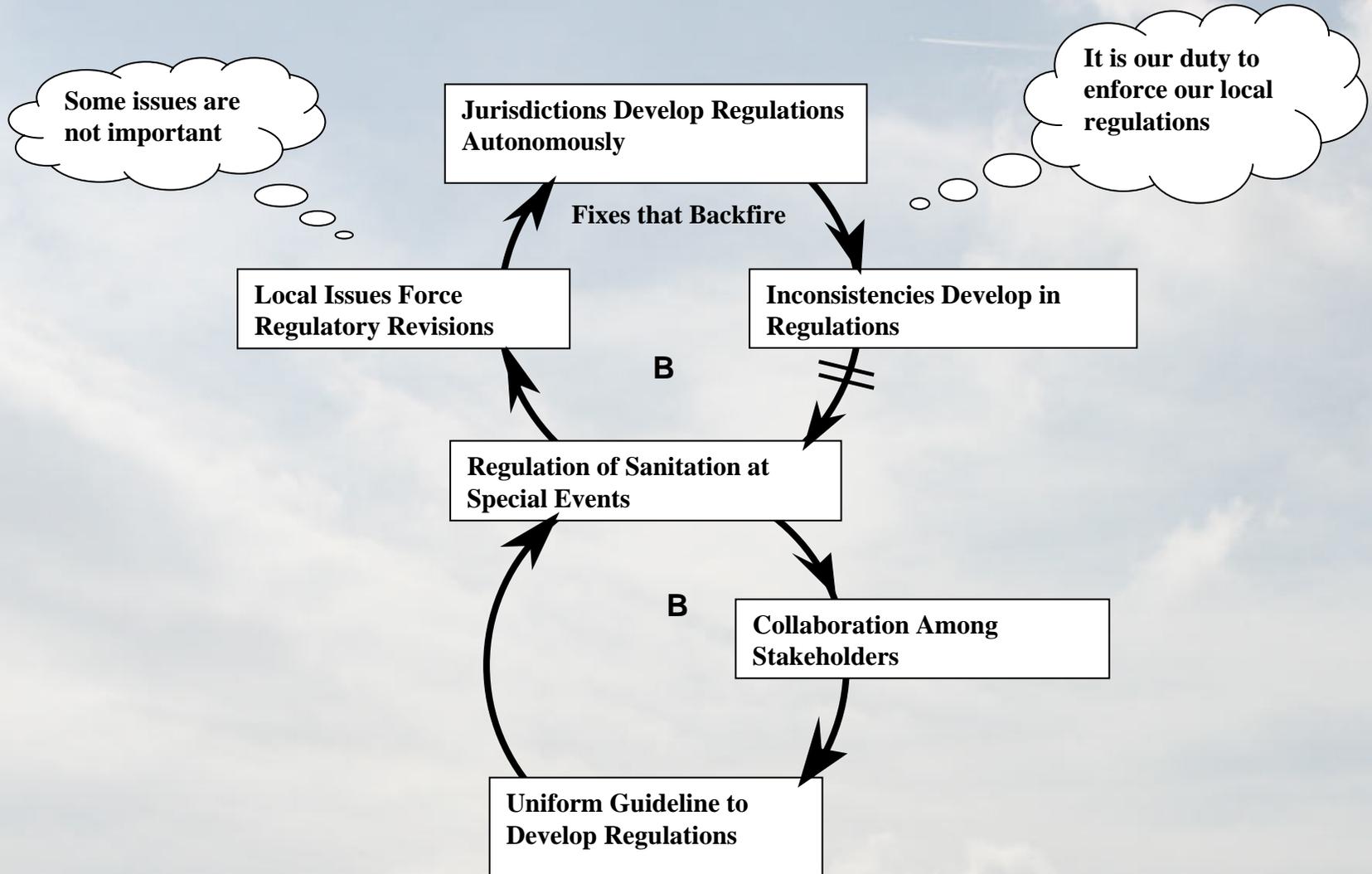
- States write Statutes
- Local jurisdictions adopt state regulations or write their own.
- Infrastructures built upon internal regulatory mandates.
- Nevada, for example, has 1 Statute and 4 separate regulations.
- California has over 50 Health Jurisdictions



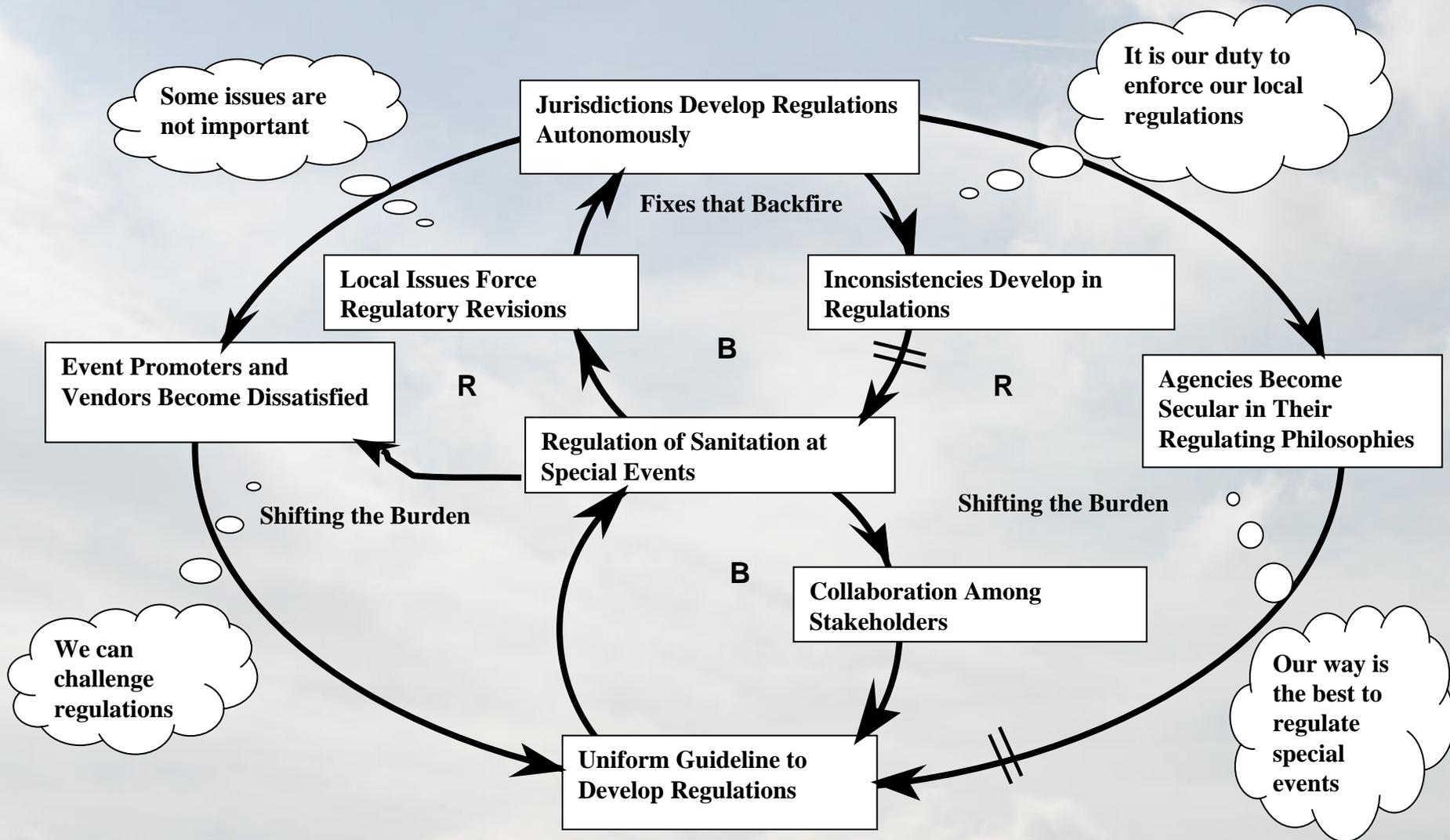
Behavior Over Time



Systems Archetypes



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Program Goal

- To develop a guideline for environmental health regulation of special events that may be used as a model among jurisdictions.

- **Health Problem**

The risk of foodborne and waterborne illnesses has increased since 1990 as the numbers of events and event patrons have increased.

- **Outcome Objective**

Reduce the risk of foodborne and waterborne illnesses associated with special events



Process

- Drafted First Copy of Guidelines
 - Utilized Various Regulations
 - Specific Aspects of Health with General Language
- Sent for Comment to Key Stakeholders in Nevada and California
 - Regulators
 - Event Promoters
 - Food Vendors
 - Industries that Serve Special Events



Process

- Revisions Made and Redistributed
- Process Objectives
 - Establish a Task Force
 - Have a Working Guideline in Place



Results

- Better Communication Among Regulators
- Increasing Interest and Involvement
- A Working Guideline
 - Second Revision in Progress
 - Some Work Remaining to Have Document Redistributed and Referenced



Relevant National Goals

- Revitalize Environmental Public Health Services
 - More effective environmental health services workforce
 - Improved communication
 - Strategic partnerships
- Establish Healthy Communities
- Ensure Healthy Travel and Recreation



Conclusions

- Communication Breaks Barriers
 - Regulators and Stakeholders Collaborate for a Common Goal
 - Dispels Notions and Abolishes Autonomous Egocentricities
- Inter-jurisdictional Efforts Improve Regulation
 - Shared Knowledge
 - The basis of comprehension

“Together we get there better”



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