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SB 59

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: January 27, 2015

Agency Submitting: Washoe County

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Implementation Costs (Expense)		$200,000	$2,000	$2,000
Total	0	$200,000	$2,000	$2,000

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Word Attachment

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LCB Deadline: 1/26/2015

Fiscal Impact (check box):

- ☐ **No Impact**
- ☒ **Has Impact**
- ☐ **Included in Joint Response**
- ☐ **Cannot Be Determined**

Name of Agency: Washoe County

Impact (insert description of effect and assumption)

Washoe County (to include the Health District), Reno and Sparks have contracted with Accela, Inc. for a replacement permit and license software application at a total implementation cost of $1,667,444. After implementation, the total annual maintenance costs for the application (first 5 years) is $ 281,965. Washoe County's share of the implementation costs is $743,680, and its share of the annual maintenance costs is $ 129,493.

The contract with Accela includes a requirement for Accela to develop a method for the Accela software application to electronically query SilverFlume (the portal) for appropriate business information. This information includes whether a license applicant possesses a valid State business identification number, has been issued a State business license, and possesses approvals from the State agencies participating in the portal (Industrial Insurance and Taxation). The contract requires a query from the Accela System to SilverFlume; the region's hope is that developing the query may provide SilverFlume the ability to share information with the Accela application.

As currently written, the bill requires the SOS to provide SilverFlume information (specifically the common business registration information) to jurisdictions, with the technical aspects and requirements set by the SOS. Participation in SilverFlume will be as a client within the SilverFlume application. This requirement may cause the region to reassess its contract with Accela and create a change order to the current contract to provide a method, under the SOS's rules and requirements, to accept information from SilverFlume. During the 2013 Legislative session, inquiries to reputable software firms provided a quote of between $ 250,000 to $ 300,000 to develop the connections from SilverFlume (as a locally developed application) into any other software application.

If the bill is requiring a two-way exchange of information between a jurisdiction's software application and SilverFlume (and if the SOS has set the technical standards and requirements),

the region will have to spend additional funds to enable each jurisdiction to validate business information currently required in State Law and included in this Bill (i.e., State business identification number and common business registration information).

Further, in order to make this information useful that is obtained from the State Portal to the agencies and back and forth, the State number would need to also pass the status of the license at the State Level as noted, the number is NOT issued when the person actually acquires a state license. This is an additional field of data that would need to be passed and may require additional costs.

From a technical standpoint, it is unclear if the state's technology interfacing requirements through an API are exposed to the county and cities or if this is now considered confidential and proprietary, causing the potential of additional costs to the agencies if we have to utilized all State technical and vendor resources instead of in house county or city technical staff and the local agencies vended staff we have under contract to build these interfaces, so the amount quoted below is an estimate if using the county's resources.

The bill is still also very vague as to what is required and since this is still not a mandatory requirement, the quotes below are still undetermined, but are our best estimates at this time.

Given that the region currently has a contract with Accela, the cost estimate for the SilverFlume application connection is quoted as $ 200,000. This may be low and would only be refined once contract negotiations are finalized. It is unclear as to whether there would be any increases to the current annual maintenance costs, but the estimate assumes a $ 2,000 increased annual cost to maintain the SilverFlume application connection.

Revenue Impact

Category Type (check box):

☒**Expense**

☐**Revenue**

☐**Both**

Assumes that fiscal impacts will begin in FY 2015-2016. Costs are for the region, and would be divided among Reno, Sparks, Health and the County in an amount to be determined in an addendum to the current cooperative interlocal agreement governing the Accela software application.

Category Type: Expense, Revenue or Both?

Type	Items of Revenue or Expense or Both- *ADD DESCRIPTION*	FY 2014-2015 (Insert $ Amount)	FY 2015-2016 (Insert $ Amount)	FY 2016-2017 (Insert $ Amount)	Effect on Future Biennia (Insert $ amount)
Expense		**$ 0**	**$ 200,000**	**$ 2,000**	**$ 2,000 each year**
Revenue					
Both					

Exhibits? Word or Excel Document? (check box):

☒**Yes**

☐**No**