

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Local Government

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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The following responses from local governments were compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division can neither verify nor comment on the figures provided by the individual local governments.

Local Government Responses
S.B. 70 / BDR 19 - 155

City/County: **City of Elko**

Approved by: Curtis Calder, City Manager

Comment: Section 6(e) states: A public body shall approve the minutes of a meeting at the next meeting of the public body, unless good cause for delay is shown.

The proposed language is unreasonable as the City of Elko holds numerous public meetings and cannot process minutes in that short of a timeframe without adding at least one (1) additional Minutes Clerk/Recording Secretary. With benefits, the current annual cost is approximately \$70,000 per year.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$69,936	\$70,975	\$72,295	\$0

City/County: **City of Henderson**

Approved by: Mike Cathcart, Business Operations Manager

Comment: No identifiable fiscal cost to the City of Henderson.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Las Vegas**

Approved by: Michelle Thackston, Administrative Secretary

Comment: Extending our notice requirement to include filling out a form for the Attorney General has no real fiscal impact. Counting Friday's as a "working day" for notice requirements, has no real fiscal impact. However, approving minutes of a meeting at the next meeting of the public body would have significant fiscal impact. Current staff levels do not support this level of meeting minute turn-around time. Staffing resources would have to be increased as well as allocated overtime funds to accommodate meetings held on a more frequent basis. Additional FTE staffing would need to be added, as well as increased overtime budget.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **City of Reno**

Approved by: Ryan High, Budget/Strat. Initiatives Mgr.

Comment: After initial review, there is no fiscal impact to the City of Reno.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: City of Sparks Approved by: Jeff Cronk, Financial Services Director Comment: No Impact				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Carson City Approved by: Nickolas A. Providenti, Finance Director Comment: We estimate that in order to get the minutes completed by the next meeting, Carson City would have to hire an additional Recording Secretary. We estimate this would cost \$65,000 with benefits in FY 2016 and the amount would increase approximately 5% each additional year.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$65,000	\$68,250	\$146,909

City/County: Churchill County Approved by: Eleanor Lockwood, County Manager Comment: Passage of BDR 19-155 would create an extra burden on staff who prepare minutes for public meetings. This bill requires minutes to be completed by the next meeting, unless good cause for delay is shown. "Good cause" is not defined in this BDR. The allocation of clerical support staff time to preparing minutes rather than other duties, could have unintended consequences to County operations. Hence, Churchill County would likely have to consider hiring a half time employee to assist with preparing of minutes for all the public meetings.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

City/County: Clark County Approved by: David Dobrzynski, Assistant Director of Finance Comment: No Fiscal impact.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Douglas County**

Approved by: Mark B. Jackson, District Attorney

Comment: One section of this legislation would have very minimal fiscal impact on Douglas County. If enacted, Section 4 of the bill would require the public body to certify in writing, on a form prescribed by the Attorney General, that the public body complied with the requirements for minimum public notice for each of its meetings. Compliance would require minimal staff time and resources. The other six sections of the bill would have no fiscal impact on Douglas County.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Elko County**

Approved by: Cash A. Minor, Assistant County Manager/CFO

Comment: The requirement to have minutes approved at the next available meeting can only be met with the creation of a new Deputy Clerk position which has fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$75,500	\$73,500	\$149,000

City/County: **Eureka County**

Approved by: Michael Mears, Budget Director

Comment: No Impact

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Humboldt County**

Approved by: David Mendiola, County Administrator

Comment: Has Impact

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$15,000	\$1,200	\$0

City/County: **Washoe County**

Approved by: Liane Lee, Government Affairs Manager

Comment: The Washoe County Clerk anticipates a fiscal impact of approximately \$60,000 per year plus benefits in order to comply with the provisions Section 6, paragraph 1(e) to have the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes of a meeting at the next meeting of the Board. The Commissioners currently meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month and this provision would only allow six (6) working days to prepare the minutes of a meeting prior to the required posting time for the next meeting. In order to do so, it is anticipated that at least one full time staff member would be needed so that every meeting of the Commission had a staff member dedicated full time solely to the preparation of the minutes. Should the Commission meet more frequently, the fiscal impact would escalate.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000

City/County: **White Pine County**

Approved by: Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Comment: Amending the law to read "A public body shall approve the minutes of a meeting at the next meeting of the public body, unless good cause for delay is shown" will require the County to increase staffing to meet this requirement. The County will lose the flexibility to prepare minutes as time allows and increased hours will be necessary to address this. It is estimated that an additional half-time position will be required.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$30,000	\$61,200	\$62,425	\$128,618

School District: **Carson City School District**

Approved by: Andrew J. Feuling, Director of Fiscal Services

Comment: Minimal impact. There would be the additional staffing time and possibly postage required to furnish the AG with the public notice timeline signoff. Couldn't there just be the expectation that all posted agendas for public meetings also need to be emailed to the AG's office when posted? Then if there are any questions the AG essentially has a timestamped copy of the posting of a public meeting agenda to look back on.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50

School District: **Clark County School District**

Approved by: Nicole Thorn, Deputy CFO

Comment: CCSD expects no impact for the BDR. The preparation of the form prescribed by the Attorney General to certify the new requirement to state compliance with the minimum public notice requirement could be handled by existing staff who handle public notice of meetings and Board of School Trustee documents for the meetings.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Douglas County School District**

Approved by: Holly Luna, CFO, Business Services

Comment: The Board of Trustees will need to be notified of revisions if made, but these revisions should have no fiscal or FTE impact.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Esmeralda County School District**

Approved by: Monie Byers, Superintendent

Comment: No Impact

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Lander County School District**

Approved by: Velma Gamble, Finance Officer

Comment: No Impact

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Lincoln County School District**

Approved by: Steve Hansen, Superintendent

Comment: There is an expense to the District regarding School Board of Trustees, however in this case there does not appear to be a fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: Lyon County School District Approved by: Philip Cowee, Director of Finance Comment: No Impact				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: Nye County School District Approved by: Kerry Paniagua, Executive Secretary Comment: Since we now have to post our agendas on the public notice website, it seems redundant to use additional staff time to complete a report to show compliance.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$150	\$175	\$200	\$250

School District: Pershing County School District Approved by: Dan Fox, Supt Comment: The district does not anticipate a fiscal impact if enacted, although with the possibility of some additional clerical assistance.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: White Pine County School District Approved by: Paul Johnson, CFO Comment: No Impact				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: Washoe County School District Approved by: Lindsay E. Anderson, Director of Government Affairs Comment: Washoe County School District estimates needing a .5FTE to comply with the requirements of Section 6 for a cost of \$24,048/year.				
Impact	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$24,048	\$24,048	\$24,048

The following cities, counties and school districts did not provide a response: Boulder City, City of Mesquite, City of North Las Vegas, Esmeralda County, Lander County, Lincoln County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nye County, Pershing County, Storey County, Churchill County School District, Elko County School District, Eureka County School District, Humboldt County School District, Mineral County School District, and Storey County School District.