FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES Date Prepared: March 6, 2015

Agency Submitting: Nevada Department of Education

| Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both | | Fiscal Year 2014-15 | Fiscal Year 2015-16 | Fiscal Year 2016-17 | Effect on Future Biennia |
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| Regulation Review (Expense) | | | \$1,550 | | |
| Programming Changes (Expense) | | | \$6,856 | | |
| | Total | 0 | \$8,406 | 0 | 0 |

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This measure requires the State Board of Education to adopt a program of multicultural education and requires certain licensed teachers to complete a course in multicultural education in order to renew their license. Section 1 of this bill requires the State Board to adopt the regulations described. The Department of Education (NDE) anticipates the cost of the regulation review to be \$1550, which is consistent with regulation review costs in the past. Section 2 of this bill requires the Commission on Professional Standards (COPS) to prescribe the contents and credits required for a course in multicultural education for licensed teachers. It also requires licensed teachers who renew their license after January 1, 2017, to submit proof of completion of a course in multicultural education. COPS meets on a regular basis and is able to make this recommendation with no additional cost to their program. However, the existing licensing system is not able to easily recognize a new field for renewal requirements. NDE has requested funding for a new licensure system in the Governor's Recommended budget for FY 15-17 in budget account 2705 (Decision Unit E550). If that request is approved, the new requirement will be included with the new system. Should that decision unit not be approved, NDE anticipates 80 programming hours @ \$85.70 per hour will be required to make this change to the existing system. Therefore, \$6,856 for programming has been added to this fiscal note.

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| The agency's request appears reasonable. | | |
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