

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 4, 2015

Agency Submitting: Nevada System of Higher Education

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)

It does not appear that the revisions proposed in Section 1 regarding (non-resident) tuition would have a fiscal impact on the NSHE or its institutions.

Section 2 of this bill would require recipients of the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship to provide community service during each year they receive the scholarship. The legislative intent regarding the reporting and verification of the community service is unclear; therefore, it is not possible to determine the fiscal impact of this portion of the legislation. If the NSHE or the Treasurer's Office would be responsible for collecting and verifying the community service requirement for the approximately 18,500 students who receive the scholarship each year, additional staff of at least 1 professional FTE and resources would be needed. Additionally, if the legislative intent is to restrict, suspend, or deny scholarship eligibility to students who do not provide community service during the applicable scholarship year, this could result in fewer scholarships being awarded each year, resulting in a fiscal impact (savings) for the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund.

Sections 3, 4, and 5 propose the creation of the Office of the Western Regional Higher Education Compact, which governs the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), within the Office of the Governor and transitions existing positions from the classified and unclassified service to at will employees of the Governor. The WICHE Commission, the Board of Regents (BOR) and the Governor have recommended in the Executive Budget for the 2015-2017 biennium that the WICHE program be transferred out of the NSHE, becoming an independent entity. The recommendations by the BOR and the Governor indicate this transfer would be cost neutral.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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