

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 9, 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)

The proposed legislation would have a fiscal impact on the NSHE and its institutions; however, at this point in time, it is not possible to quantify the fiscal impact.

Section 1 of this bill would modify the definition of "public work." Currently, NSHE buildings, 25% or more of the cost of which were paid with State appropriations or federal funds, are defined as "public work." The proposed legislation would make all NSHE buildings funded with State appropriation or federal funds "public work" projects. This fiscal impact of this change cannot be determined at this time, as the costs would be dependent upon the specific construction, repair, or reconstruction project.

Section 2 would amend the requirements to provide bid preference to certain companies. It is not possible to determine the fiscal impact of this legislation. This could discourage out of state companies from bidding on projects, which could result in less competitive bidding.

Section 4 of this bill would revise the size and membership of bid evaluation panels and require independent members on each panel. Including independent members on panels may require additional staff time to provide training on the contracting requirements unique to state agencies.

Additionally, Section 4 would require the SPWB certify the rankings developed by each evaluation panel. It would appear that additional costs would be incurred in the development and transmittal of the materials required by the SPWB in order to perform the certification. Additional costs may be incurred if the SPWB assesses fees to agencies submitting ranked lists for certification. The fiscal impact for the certification process cannot be determined until the policies and procedures and fees for the certification process are established by the SPWB.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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