

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 12, 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)

At this point in time, it appears that this legislation would have no fiscal impact on the NSHE or its institutions, because none of the institutions are currently conducting research using dogs or cats.

A fiscal impact could be experienced in the future if institution research projects utilize dogs or cats. For instance, a fiscal impact could result from liability issues associated with placing dogs and cats deemed to be "no risk" into private homes. There is never a guarantee of safety when animals interact with humans; therefore, NSHE and the Attending Veterinarian could be held liable if an animal-human interaction is negative.

Additionally, the two year timeframe included in the proposed legislation could limit many legitimate studies, especially research looking at long term pharmaceutical or product safety and efficacy. Most Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) protocols are based on a three year duration. The inability of NSHE institutions to comply with study parameters and protocols and this state law, if enacted, could result in the loss of future grant funding and research opportunities for the institutions.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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