

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 11, 2015

Agency Submitting: Business and Industry, Division of Industrial Relations

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Category 04 Instructional Supplies (Expense) (Expense)			\$6,164	
Category 30 Travel and Registration (Expense) (Expense)			\$12,578	
Total	0	0	\$18,742	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The effect of adopting AB 229 (BDR53-754) would result in the need for training of various Division of Industrial Relations (DIR) Workers' Compensation Section (WCS) staff will be necessary should adoption of the Sixth Edition of the AMA Guides become required by statute. WCS staff in both Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada requiring training will consist of 4 staff members from the Medical Unit, the Subsequent Injury Coordinator, the Uninsured Claims Coordinator, 2 District Managers, and 2 DIR staff attorneys. Such training is necessary as these individuals are responsible for reviewing the Permanent Partial Disability (PPD) reports.

Additionally, the DIR will need to purchase 4 copies of the Sixth Edition of the AMA Guides for reference purposes for the agency. Also, 2 additional copies will need to be purchased to comply with NRS 233B.040 regarding the requirement to file one copy of the publication with the Secretary of State and one copy with the State Library and Archives Administrator.

Finally, per NAC 616C.021, the DIR needs to work with the American Academy of Expert Medical Evaluators (AAEME) to develop testing that is required to become a rating physician/chiropractor (rater). The cost to update the Nevada Impairment Rating Skills Assessment Test (NIRSAT) is a responsibility of DIR.

Name Aaron Frantz

Title ASO II

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Wednesday, March 11, 2015

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name James R. Wells, CPA

Title Interim Director

Fiscal Note for AB 229 (BDR 53-754)

Effect on the Division of Industrial Relations Workers' Compensation Section of Adopting the Sixth Edition:

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I. Costs associated with training various DIR staff: (Category 30)

- **15 Hour Course** - Total of 10 DIR staff.
 - \$895 per student X 10 students = **\$8,950**
 - Travel expense for 4 Northern Nevada DIR staff to travel to Southern Nevada to attend training (3 days/2 nights) = **\$3,628**

II. Costs associated with purchasing copies of the Sixth Edition of the AMA Guides: (Category 04)

- **AMA Guides Sixth Edition** – \$194 per copy X 6 = **\$1,164**

III. Costs associated with updating the Nevada Impairment Rating Skills Assessment Test (NIRSAT) exam: (Category 04)

- **Per Christine Caldwell, President and CEO of American Academy of Expert Medical Evaluators (AAEME)** – estimate to create the Nevada Impairment Rating Skills Assessment Test (NIRSAT) exam = **\$5,000**

Nevada Chiropractors are limited to rating neuromusculoskeletal injuries only. Therefore, it is not appropriate to test them on 6th edition chapters that apply to other types of injuries, resulting in the need for two exams. It is anticipated that medical physicians (MD/DO) will likely take the existing exam on the 6th edition (with some possible modifications) and we will work together to develop a test for Nevada chiropractors.

State of Nevada - Budget Division
Line Item Detail & Summary
2015-2017 Biennium (FY16-17)

Section A1: Line Item Detail by GL

Budget Account: 4680 B&I - INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Item No	Description	Actual 2013-2014	Work Program 2014-2015	W01 Year 1 2015-2016	W01 Year 2 2016-2017
E225	EFFICIENT AND RESPONSIVE STATE GOVERNMENT				
	BDR 53-754				
	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation fiscal note.				
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EXPENDITURE					
04	OPERATING EXPENSES				
7060	CONTRACTS	0	0	5,000	0
	Estimate Per Christine Caldwell, President and CEO of American Academy of Expert Medical Evaluators (AAEME) - to create the Nevada Impairment Rating Skills Assessment Test exam = \$5,000				
7320	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	0	0	1,164	0
	AMA Guides Sixth Edition - \$194 per copy X 6 = \$1,164				
	TOTAL FOR CATEGORY 04	0	0	6,164	0
30	TRAINING				
6200	PER DIEM IN-STATE	0	0	1,712	0
	Trips to Las Vegas for Training (four northern Nevada staff for 3 day 2 night trips) [See Attachment]				
6240	PERSONAL VEHICLE IN-STATE	0	0	306	0
6250	COMM AIR TRANS IN-STATE	0	0	1,610	0
7302	REGISTRATION FEES	0	0	8,950	0
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	TOTAL FOR CATEGORY 30	0	0	12,578	0
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR DECISION UNIT E225	0	0	18,742	0
	TOTAL REVENUES FOR BUDGET ACCOUNT 4680	0	0	0	0
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BDR: 53-754
Agency: Division of Industrial Relations
Fiscal Year: FY16
Category: 30 Training

Position Title	Location	Date	Purpose	QTY	Cost	6200 Per Diem	6210 Motor Pool	6240 Pers Veh	6250 Air	7302 Reg	Total
Overnight Trip + Training											
Four Northern Nevada Staff	Las Vegas, NV	TBD	AAEME Training	2	107.52	215	-	-	-	-	215
			Lodging \$96/night + \$11.52 14% Tax = \$107.52/night	60	0.575	-	-	35	-	-	35
			Mileage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			Motor Pool	1	402.52	-	-	-	403	-	403
			Airfare	3	14.00	-	-	42	-	-	42
			Airport Parking	3	71.00	213	-	-	-	-	213
			Meals & Incidentals / Full Day	1	895.00	-	-	-	-	895	895
			AAEME Registration - 15 Hour course								
Total 4 Travelers:						\$ 1,712	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ 1,610	\$ 3,580	\$ 7,208
LV Training Only											
Six Southern Staff	Las Vegas, NV	TBD	AAEME Training	6	895.00	-	-	-	-	5,370	5,370
Training Only			AAEME Registration - 15 Hour course								
Total:						\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,370	\$ 5,370
Total Training:						\$ 1,712	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ 1,610	\$ 8,950	\$ 12,578
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