

**NON-EXECUTIVE AGENCY  
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 17, 2015

Agency Submitting: Eighth Judicial District Court

<b>Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2014-15</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2015-16</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2016-17</b>	<b>Effect on Future Biennia</b>
Additional Interpreter Services (Expense)		\$2,441,935	\$2,441,935	
Total	0	\$2,441,935	\$2,441,935	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The 8th Judicial District Court provides in-court interpreter services for District Court, Justice Court, and also renders services for other Clark County entities. Interpreter staff currently consists of 3 full-time and 8 part-time positions; but, the majority of interpreter services in the county are provided by independent contractors. There are approximately 20 independent contractor Spanish interpreters and 40 independent contractors for languages other than Spanish.

The scope of services provided by the Court is currently limited to criminal and juvenile/dependency cases and TPOs. There were a total of 86,175 such cases filed in FY 2014. Should AB 219 pass into law, the Court would need additional resources to accommodate the caseload increase. The FY 2014 budget for the interpreters was \$1,469,048, and the increase in cases would potentially require the Court to obtain an additional \$2,441,935 to provide interpreter services in civil and family cases.

Prior to the introduction of this bill, the Court requested from the County a budget increase for FY 2016 to accommodate an hourly-rate adjustment for its independent contractor interpreters from \$36/hr. to 44/hr., which is the current market rate for contract interpreters in similarly situated jurisdictions. If the rate adjustment is adopted, the estimated fiscal impact to the Court could increase to \$3,302,352.

Please note that this fiscal note assumes that the percentage of civil/family cases requiring interpreter services will be the same as the percentage of criminal cases requiring interpreter services. However, the Court currently does not have data that would enable it to accurately project the specific percentage of civil and family cases that would require interpreter services. Because the Court cannot yet determine the actual number of cases or actual interpreter-hours that would be affected by AB 219, the specific fiscal impact of the bill cannot be reliably predicted at this time.

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	FY 2014		FY 14 with AB 219			FY 14 with a 22% Inc--(\$44) and AB 219	(1)	
<u>CASE TYPES SERVICED</u>								
DC CRIMINAL	11,493		11,493			11,493		
DC JUVENILE	7,362		7,362			7,362		
DC CIVIL	0		22,964			22,964		
DC FAMILY	10,712		54,161			54,161		
JC CRIMINAL	56,608		56,608			56,608		
JC CIVIL	0		76,832			76,832		
TOTAL CASES	86,175		229,420			229,420		
<u>BUDGET</u>	CURRENT NRS		NEW NRS	EST. SHORTFALL		NEW		EST. SHORTFALL
TOTAL COSTS	1,469,048		3,910,983	2,441,935		4,771,400		3,302,352
AVG COST PER CASE	17.0472642877865						(1) Assumes an increase from \$36/hr to \$44/hr	