

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 26, 2015

Agency Submitting: Nevada Department of Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Standards Revisions (Expense)		\$24,000		
Assessments CRT 3-8 (Expense)		\$2,500,000	\$800,000	
Assessments HS (Expense)		\$800,000	\$100,000	
Assessments - Alternate (Expense)		\$500,000	\$50,000	
Total	0	\$3,824,000	\$950,000	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This measure would void the regulations through which the State Board of Education adopted the Common Core Standards, also known as the Nevada Academic Content Standards. This measure would also require the standards to align with the College and Career Readiness assessment. This would require a complete revision to any standards adopted prior to 2010. Based on historical expenses related to the adoption and/or revision of academic standards, the Department of Education (NDE) estimates a cost of \$12,000 per content area to complete this work. Expenses related to the adoption of academic standards include: workgroup meetings, presentations to the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools, and the Nevada State Board of Education, gap analysis to determine impact on curriculum, instruction and assessment, and costs associated with the adoption of regulations. The two content areas required to change are English Language Arts and Mathematics; therefore, the Department anticipates a cost of \$24,000. The new content standards would require new aligned assessments. Based on the need to develop assessments for Pre-K through grade 12 in order to ensure that students have the opportunity to learn through access to standards, curriculum, and instruction that lead to College and Career readiness, NDE has reviewed the costs for prior assessments. Those assessments are criterion reference tests for grades 3-8, high school assessments for attaining a high school diploma, and alternate assessments given to 1% of the pupil population requiring special education. The cost of developing those assessments, based on historical expenses, are nearly \$4million. This fiscal note does not take into consideration the cost to school districts for new curriculum, professional development, or support materials. In addition, NDE would not be able to meet the effective date of July 1, 2015, due to the requirement to field test in year 1 and live test in year 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Date Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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Elementary and Middle School Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics

	FY 2015 Base	FY 2016 Field Test	FY 2017 Live Test
Criterion-Referenced Test in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 and in Science at Grades 5 and 8 (14 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management	582,086		
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing	2,434,818		
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing	815,857		
Scoring, Data Analysis, and Reporting	1,480,264		
Sub-Total	\$5,313,025		
Writing Test at Grades 5 and 8 (2 Grade/Content Area Combinations)	\$300,000		
Total	\$5,613,025		
Criterion-Referenced Test in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 (Adjusted to 12 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management	498,931		
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing	2,086,987		
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing	699,306		
Scoring, Data Analysis, and Reporting	1,268,798		
Sub-Total	\$4,554,021		
Writing Test at Grades 5 and 8 (2 Grade/Content Area Combinations)	\$300,000		
Total	\$4,854,021		
Criterion-Referenced Test in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 (12 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management		498,931	
Test Design, Item Development (From FY2015, \$1,500,000 is added to Item Development for 100% Alignment), and Form Publishing		3,586,987	
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing		699,306	
Scoring (From FY2015, \$400,000 is added to Scoring for Standard Setting), Data Analysis, and Reporting		1,668,798	
Sub-Total		\$6,454,021	
Writing Test at Grades 3-8 (Adjusted to 6 Grade/Content Combinations)		\$900,000	
Total		\$7,354,021	
Criterion-Referenced Test in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 (12 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management		498,931	
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing		2,086,987	
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing		699,306	
Scoring (From FY2015, \$200,000 is added to Scoring for Standard Setting Validation), Data Analysis, and Reporting		1,468,798	
Sub-Total		\$4,754,021	
Writing Test at Grades 3-8 (6 Grade/Content Area Combinations)		\$900,000	
Total		\$5,654,021	
Additional Funding for FY 2016 Field Test and FY 2017 Live Test		\$2,500,000	

Difference
from Base (A-B)

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Field Test
ELA + Math

Live Test

High School Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics

	FY 2015 Base	FY 2016 Field Test	FY 2017 Live Test
High School Proficiency Examination in Reading, Mathematics, and Science at Grade 10 (3 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management	86,111		
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing	805,987		
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing	111,749		
Scoring, Data Analysis, and Reporting	77,587		
Sub-Total	\$1,081,434		
Writing Test at Grade 11 (1 Grade/Content Combination)			
	\$300,000		
Grand Total	\$1,381,434		
High School Proficiency Examination in Reading and Mathematics at Grade 10 (Adjusted to 2 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management	57,407		
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing	537,325		
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing	74,499		
Scoring, Data Analysis, and Reporting	51,725		
Sub-Total	\$720,956		
Writing Test at Grade 11 (1 Grade/Content Combination)			
	\$300,000		
Total	\$1,020,956		
High School Proficiency Examination in Reading and Mathematics at Grade 10 (2 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management		57,407	
Test Design, Item Development (From FY2015, \$600,000 is added to Item Development for 100% Alignment), and Form Publishing		1,137,325	
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing		74,499	
Scoring (From FY2015, \$200,000 is added to Scoring for Standard Setting), Data Analysis, and Reporting		251,725	
Sub-Total		\$1,520,956	
Writing Test at Grade 11 (1 Grade/Content Area Combination)			
		\$300,000	
Total		\$1,820,956	
High School Proficiency Examination in Reading and Mathematics at Grade 10 (2 Grade/Content Area Combination)			
Program Management			57,407
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing			537,325
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing			74,499
Scoring (From FY2015, \$100,000 is added to Scoring for Standard Setting Validation), Data Analysis, and Reporting			151,725
Sub-Total			\$820,956
Writing Test at Grade 11 (1 Grade/ Content Area Combination)			
			\$300,000
Total			\$1,120,956
Additional Funding for FY 2016 Field Test and FY 2017 Live Test			
		\$800,000	\$100,000

Elementary, Middle, and High School Alternate Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics

	FY 2015 Base	FY 2016 Field Test	FY 2017 Live Test
Alternate Assessment in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 and 11 and Writing and Science at Grades 5, 8, and 11 (20 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management	274,287		
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing	571,940		
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing	142,284		
Scoring, Data Analysis, and Reporting	263,097		
Total	\$1,251,608		
Alternate Assessment in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 and 11 and Writing at Grades 5, 8, and 11 (Adjusted to 17 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management	233,144		
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing	486,149		
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing	120,941		
Scoring, Data Analysis, and Reporting	223,632		
Total	\$1,063,867		
Alternate Assessment in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 and 11 and Writing at Grades 5, 8, and 11 (17 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management		233,144	
Test Design, Item Development (From FY2015, \$400,000 is added to Item Development for 100% Alignment), and Form Publishing		886,149	
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing		120,941	
Scoring (From FY2015, \$100,000 is added to Scoring for Standard Setting), Data Analysis, and Reporting		323,632	
Total		\$1,563,867	
Alternate Assessment in Reading and Mathematics at Grades 3-8 and 11 and Writing at Grades 5, 8, and 11 (17 Grade/Content Area Combinations)			
Program Management		233,144	
Test Design, Item Development, and Form Publishing		486,149	
Test Administration, Logistics, and Data Processing		120,941	
Scoring (From FY2015, \$50,000 is added to Scoring for Standard Setting Validation), Data Analysis, and Reporting		273,632	
Total		\$1,113,867	
Additional Funding for FY 2016 Field Test and FY 2017 Live Test		\$500,000	\$500,000
Combined-Total for Assessments			
Additional Funding for FY 2016 Field Test and FY 2017 Live Test			
		\$3,800,000	\$950,000

Total for
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