FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 27, 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
2610-15 expense (Expense)				\$1,566,288,582
 Total	0	0	0	\$1,566,288,582

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This measure would require the Department of Education to provide per pupil funding for English Language Learners (ELL) and high poverty students (as defined by free and reduced lunch rate) with weighted funding. The goal of the measure is to provide a .5 weight to each student population by FY 2021. The weighted funding would be implemented over a four year period beginning in FY'18, with a weight of .05. The weight would increase to .15 in FY 2019; .30 in FY 2020 and .50 in FY 21. The fiscal impact for this measure is the total cost of the weighted funding over the four years of implementation. Once the weight of .50 is achieved, the impact on future fiscal years would be tied to enrollment increases. The fiscal impact for FY'18 would be \$76,172,089. In FY'19 the cost would be \$231,372,721. In FY'20 the cost would be \$468,458,348. In FY'21 the fiscal impact would be \$790,285,424. The cost for the '18-'19 biennium would be \$307,544,810. The cost for the '20-'21 biennium would be \$1,258,743,772. The projection was built on FY'15 enrollment counts increased for projected growth for 3 years and using that as a base for FY'18. Unduplicated counts were determined by using the assumption that 80% of ELL students will also be included in the FRL population. A 1.25% enrollment growth was utilized, which is comparable to that utilized in the development of The Executive Budget, Budget Account 2610.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS The agency's response appears reasonable.	Date	Friday, March 20, 2015
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