

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY  
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
Standards Revision (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 for publications associated with the adoption of standards. The two content areas required under the provisions of this bill 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 costs of those assessments, based on historical expenses, are nearly \$4 million. This fiscal note does not take into consideration the cost to school districts for new curriculum, professional development, or support materials.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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