

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 29, 2015

Agency Submitting: Department of Taxation

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Loss from expanded church exemption (Revenue)				
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached Exhibit 1. The Department does not have sufficient data to estimate the amount of revenue loss associated with the exemption of church-owned vacant lands.

Name Deonne Contine

Title Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

Date Tuesday, March 24, 2015

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name James R. Wells, CPA

Title Interim Director

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECTBDR/Bill/Amendment Number: AB 391 (BDR 32-825)Name of Agency: Department of TaxationDivision/Department: Division of Local Government ServicesDate: March 21, 2015

AB 391 proposes to expand the exemption from property taxes for church-owned property to include parcels of vacant land used exclusively for worship. Currently the exemption only applies to improvements used for worship, along with the lots of ground on which those improvements stand.

According to the 2013-2014 Statistical Analysis of the Roll published by the Department of Taxation, there are currently 1,540 parcels in Nevada classified as exempt church-owned property on the secured roll, having a total assessed value of \$505,261,824, plus an additional 162 properties on the unsecured roll having a total assessed value of \$2,199,745. The total exempt assessed value attributable to currently eligible church-owned property represents approximately 3% of the total assessed value of exemptions on the roll, and about one-half of one percent (.58%) of the total assessed value of all locally assessed land and improvements. See http://tax.nv.gov/LocalGovt/PolicyPub/ArchiveFiles/Statistical_Analysis_of_the_Roll/.

The Department currently has no data on the number of vacant-land parcels which may be owned by a recognized religious society or corporation and cannot accurately estimate the additional assessed value which may be exempt.