

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 3, 2015

Agency Submitting: State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Director's Office

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
(Sec.7) Personnel (Expense)		\$54,600	\$61,003	\$61,003
(Sec.7) Equipment/Computer/Other (Expense)		\$5,108	\$575	\$575
(Sec.22) Printing Costs-Small & Large Park (Expense)		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
(Sec.22) Park Signs-Small Park (Expense)		\$1,650		\$1,650
(Sec.22) Park Signs-Large Park (Expense)			\$6,500	\$6,500
(Sec.22) User Fees-Small Park (Revenue)		(\$2,000)		(\$2,000)
(Sec.22) User Fees-Large Park (Revenue)			(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
Total	0	(\$93,358)	(\$398,078)	(\$401,728)

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See extensive attached comments on Section 5 and Section 22.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENTS

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Agency's response appears reasonable.

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BDR 19-298 / AB 62
Fiscal Note Comments

The first set of comments on AB 62 and its fiscal impact tied to Section 5: The language as written requires state agencies to report to the Office of Veterans Services all bids, proposals and contracts beginning at \$1. After careful consideration, it has been determined that in order to facilitate this reporting for all DCNR agencies and programs – (including the Divisions of Forestry, State Parks, State Lands, Water Resources, Environmental Protection, State Historic Preservation and Nevada Natural Heritage; the Conservation Districts and Sagebrush Ecosystem Programs; and the Director's Office/Administration) – it will be necessary to hire one Management Analyst 1 in the Director's Office. There is no current capacity to otherwise provide this reporting in a meaningful and timely manner. In addition, DCNR believes it would be important to evaluate this language in relation to NRS 338.13844 that currently provides for a 5% bidders preference for veterans with a service connected disability for projects under \$100,000 and with NRS 338.1385 (1386,13862) that provides for direct solicitation for projects less than \$25,000 and requires three bids for projects between \$25,000-\$100,000. It may also need to be evaluated in terms of impacts on non veteran-owned businesses in the state. DCNR supports veterans' programs, but Section 5 does place a new requirement on state agencies that will result in a fiscal impact to the department and its units.

The additional section on which DCNR would like to comment is Section 22: While this bill sets up a gift account, it does not appear that this account will cover the cost of re-naming a State Park. The costs involved in changing the name of a State Park include new park and highway signage – estimated between \$1,650 and \$6,500 per park, as well as the reprinting of park and statewide brochures and State Park passports (conservatively estimated at \$30,000.) More importantly the existing names of State Parks are widely known and have been marketed over many years. In many cases, the park name is connected to the park's origin, natural features or historic events. The names of Nevada's 23 state parks date back to the creation of each park and, in some cases like Valley of Fire, Cathedral Gorge and Kershaw Ryan, have operated by their existing names for as many as 75 years. This name recognition is also critical for continued overseas and out-of-state visitation that makes up 46% of park users. In addition, state maps, visitor brochures, advertising and numerous publications refer to state parks by their existing names. What does this mean in terms of fiscal impact? Changing the name of a park will directly negate years of "branding" and in turn negatively impact park visitation and revenue. An estimated loss in revenue is projected at \$2,000 for a small park with low visitation and up to \$300,000 for a large park with high visitation. In addition, any replacement items covered by the gift account do not appear to be covered for ongoing maintenance, repair and replacement after an initial installation.

Section B1: Summary by GL

Budget Account: 4150 DCNR - ADMINISTRATION

Item No	Description	Actual 2013-2014	Work Program 2014-2015	FN1 Year 1 2015-2016	FN1 Year 2 2016-2017
EXPENDITURE					
01	PERSONNEL SERVICES				
5100	SALARIES	0	0	38,374	43,500
5200	WORKERS COMPENSATION	0	0	999	873
5300	RETIREMENT	0	0	5,564	6,308
5400	PERSONNEL ASSESSMENT	0	0	234	261
5500	GROUP INSURANCE	0	0	7,916	8,330
5700	PAYROLL ASSESSMENT	0	0	54	61
5750	RETIRED EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE	0	0	852	983
5800	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	0	0	50	56
5840	MEDICARE	0	0	557	631
	TOTAL FOR CATEGORY 01	0	0	54,600	61,003
04	OPERATING				
7050	EMPLOYEE BOND INSURANCE	0	0	1	1
7054	AG TORT CLAIM ASSESSMENT	0	0	116	116
7292	EITS VOICE MAIL	0	0	29	38
7295	EITS STATE PHONE LINE	0	0	108	142
	TOTAL FOR CATEGORY 04	0	0	254	297
26	INFORMATION SERVICES				
7533	EITS EMAIL SERVICE	0	0	60	80
7554	EITS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT	0	0	133	138
7556	EITS SECURITY ASSESSMENT	0	0	103	103
7771	COMPUTER SOFTWARE <\$5,000 - A	0	0	330	0
8241	NEW FURNISHINGS <\$5,000 - A	0	0	2,970	0
8371	COMPUTER HARDWARE <\$5,000 - A	0	0	1,258	0
	TOTAL FOR CATEGORY 26	0	0	4,854	321
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR BUDGET ACCOUNT 4150	0	0	59,708	61,621