

UNSOLICITED
EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2014-15	Fiscal Year 2015-16	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Effect on Future Biennia
Programming (Expense)		\$128,250		
Travel/Training (Expense)		\$12,340		
Total	0	\$140,590	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The current WIC eligibility system, used by 17 sub-granted agencies to provide direct services at 46 WIC clinics throughout Nevada, would have to be modified to meet SB 237 requirements. Based on rates charged by WIC's current IT contractor (\$95 per hour) and an estimated 1,350 hours to make the required changes, the Division estimates it would cost \$128,250 to upgrade the current eligibility system to meet the voter registration requirements. Additionally, clinic IT support and encryption capability would have to be developed and managed, dependent on each clinic's need. This cost cannot be determined at this time.

WIC is in the process of implementing a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved eligibility Management Information System (MIS) as a member of the Mountain Plains User Group (a 10-state consortium). To pay for this system and implementation, Nevada WIC received a \$3.8 million USDA award. Under agreement with the USDA, users of the new MIS cannot request changes to the system until one year post implementation. After one year, consortium-approved changes to the system can be made. Unfortunately, if the consortium does not approve a voter registration system (that would be in compliance with SB 203), WIC would be forced to leave the consortium. If Nevada was no longer a member of the consortium, 25 percent (\$950,000) of the USDA-approved funding would be forfeited.

WIC would then have choose between remaining with its current eligibility system (modified to add a voter registration module) or attempt to procure a new system on its own (with a voter registration module) with \$2.85 million (75 percent of the original award).

This fiscal note has been prepared under the assumption that WIC's current system (which meets minimum USDA standards) will be modified (since the new system will not be able to comply with the voter registration until late 2016). Travel costs to the 46 clinics for training purposes has been included.

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