

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 29, 2017

Agency Submitting: Nevada Department of Corrections

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Bill Draft Request 18-740 proposes to create the Nevada Office of the Inspector General that will consist of the Inspector General, a Deputy Inspector General, and any person employed by that office. The new Inspector General will be responsible for conducting investigations regarding a variety of issues in state government, including fraud, wasted, abuse, and corruption. Any local or state agency or any of their employees who are asked for assistance by the Nevada Office of the Inspector General will be required to cooperate and to provide supporting documentation. Refusal to cooperate, threats, retaliation, assaults, etc., against the Inspector General, or any employee of the Inspector General's Office, will be classed as a felony. It is possible that the creation of new officer positions would lead to more convicted felons, but there is insufficient data to produce a forecast. Given that retaliation against whistleblowers would be a felony crime but is not now a crime, it is unknown how many persons would be found guilty and sentenced to prison. The Governor's Recommended budget provides an average of \$18,719 in variable expenses per inmate for SFY18-19. The fiscal impact of this proposal would be this amount for each year of a new prison sentence. The NDOC reviewed the requirements of the proposed law and concluded that the fiscal impact of the proposed law cannot be determined at this time.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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