

BDR 15-1086

SB 488

EXECUTIVE AGENCY FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 4, 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)

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NDOC Research staff have reviewed the records of offenders sentenced under NRS 201.300 and did not identify any commitments that involved a victim younger than 14. Three offenders were committed to prison in the past few years for pandering children 14 to 15. With the minimum sentence increasing, an offender would spend more time in prison which will increase the cost of the length of stay; however, it is unknown how many offenders could be sentenced in the future. 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. As a result, the fiscal impact of Section 1 of this proposed law as it relates to NDOC cannot be quantified at this time.

Name Scott Ewart

Title Chief of Fiscal Services

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Thursday, March 30, 2017

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name Paul Nicks

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DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

BDR/Bill/Amendment Number: 15-1086

Name of Agency: Corrections

Division/Department: _____

Date: March 28, 2017

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