FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 10, 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)

The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) has reviewed BDR 50-527 which makes a proposed revision to NRS 574.105 related to the penalty for mistreatment of police animals. When a police animal is mistreated and this causes harm, the penalty will be raised from a category D felony to a category C. However, if mistreatment results in complete disability or death of the animal, the penalty will be raised from a category C to a B felony. The Nevada Department of Corrections research staff reviewed its records and was able to identified only one offender who is currently serving 16 to 40 months in prison for mistreating a police animal. This is the only offender that has been admitted for violation of NRS 574.105 in the past three years. Given that there has been only one case that resulted in prison incarceration, and based on the current language of the proposed statute change, the NDOC is unable to forecast the increase, if any, in the number offenders admitted to the NDOC system at this time. As a result, the fiscal impact of this proposed law cannot be quantified at this time.

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Based on the Governor's Finance Office's review, there does not app	ear to be a	fiscal impact to the agency.	
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