



**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 15, 2017

Agency Submitting: Business and Industry, Division of Industrial Relations

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		\$69,994	\$84,996	\$169,992
Total	0	\$69,994	\$84,996	\$169,992

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Nevada has approximately 1,600 advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) licensed by the State Board of Nursing. The passage of AB116 would increase the number of Nevada panel members from 3,749 treating physicians and chiropractors to approximately 5,349 (43% increase). If passed, an additional licensed Registered Nurse (RN) would be required to review Permanent Partial Disability (PPD) reports, review screened applications to panels, assist with new rater training, determine and complete appropriate quality assurance actions, complete investigations of poor compliance with requirements to maintain panel qualifications, and recommend appropriate disciplinary actions against healthcare providers. DIR Worker's Compensation Section would have a substantial increase in the volume of occupational injury healthcare providers or PPD evaluators requiring screening, license checks and compliance with requirements to maintain this qualification. This work is currently performed by one Compliance Coordinator – RN. Due to existing heavy workload and additional responsibilities assigned, there is already a substantial backlog of quality assurance actions, new rating provider training, review of PPD reports, investigations of compliance with maintenance of qualification requirements and some disciplinary actions against panel members.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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