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AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

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Agency Submitting: Department of Public Safety, Parole and Probation

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Salaries (Expense)		$207,580	$285,116	$570,232
Operating (Expense)		$6,772	$8,911	$17,822
Equipment (Expense)		$9,816		
Information Services (Expense)		$10,681	$3,489	$6,978
Total	0	$234,849	$297,516	$595,032

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

BDR 16-178 Revises provisions relating to credits against sentences of offenders. (Please see attached)

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Currently certain offenses such as category B Felonies are not eligible for a deduction of the minimum term, or the minimum aggregate term imposed by sentence.

Section 1 of this bill makes all Category B offenses eligible for a deduction. Section 1 does, however, specifically identify offenses not eligible for credits from the minimum term or the minimum aggregate term imposed. Section 1 calls out the application of this Assembly bill to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2007. Section 2 of this bill makes the proposed changes in section 1 retroactive for offenders who committed offenses before October 1, 2023.

The Division of Parole and Probation currently employs 7 Probation Specialists II's for the Pre-Release Unit and is allotted a total of 9. The average number of Pre-Release cases completed by the existing 7 staff members in the unit is 238 releases a month. If the Pre-Release Unit were fully staffed, we estimate the unit could facilitate 309 releases a month. On average the Division requires 5.18hrs for each Probation Specialist II to complete a release. The Nevada Department of Corrections has approximated an initial influx of 1,381 immediately eligible cases. This would create the need for 7,154 hours of additional work to process these releases. If this initial influx were spread out over an entire year it would require the work of 4 additional full time Probation Specialist II's. Given the continued long-term impact of the additional credits earned and awarded to eligible Category B Felons the Division expects to incur a continued increase in eligible Pre-Release cases going forward. This initial influx would also have a substantial impact on the number of offenders past their Parole Eligibility Date and would create a ripple effect that would impact all releases.

Upon release this additional 1,381 eligible cases represent a significant increase in the workload of the field offices amounting to a 6.8% increase in the total number of supervised individuals by the Division.

Given that additional parole grants will result in the need for additional supervision personnel, the Division cannot predict the immediate impact. With the Division’s current vacancy rate, it is unlikely that all the vacancies will be filled by the end of the biennium, therefore, not requiring the division to request new positions at this time. However, if circumstances change in hiring and retaining officers, the Division reserves the right to go to the Interim Finance Committee for the future biennium should workload increases necessitate additional staffing.