BDR C-954
SJR 6

STATE AGENCIES FISCAL
NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 10, 2023

Agency Submitting: State Agencies

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Name _____

Title _____

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State Agency Responses
SJR6 / BDR C - 954

State Agency: **Office of the Governor, Office of Finance**
Approved by: Brenda Berry, ASO IV, Governor's Office of Finance
Comment: The agency has reviewed the BDR as written and determined there is a fiscal impact to the Governor's Office of Finance. Section 2 of the bill establishes regular sessions of the Legislature to be annual, rather than biannual. Preparation for the Legislative session by the Executive branch requires a vast amount of work to be completed in a short period of time. As such, overtime and contractor labor support is required to ensure routine work is completed timely along with the increase in work necessary for the Legislative session. Overtime and contract labor costs are based on the fiscal year 2023 costs for preparation of the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$550,000	$622,500	$1,172,500

State Agency: **Cannabis Compliance Board**
Approved by: Lisa Figueroa, ASO3
Comment: The Cannabis Compliance Board has reviewed SJR 6 (BDR C-954), as currently written and has determined that there is no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Colorado River Commission of Nevada**
Approved by: Douglas Beatty, Administrative Services Officer
Comment: The agency has reviewed the language of the bill and determined that there will be no additional fiscal impact to the agency for two 90 day legislative sessions than currently exist for a single longer session beyond that which currently exists.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Commission on Judicial Discipline**
Approved by: Paul C. Deyhle, Executive Director and General Counsel
Comment: The agency has reviewed the bill and determined that there is no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Administration**

Approved by: Matthew Tuma, Deputy Director

Comment: The Department has reviewed SJR6 and cannot determine the fiscal impact. An annual session of the Legislature would likely take more time, staff, and resources from executive branch agencies to prepare for and support. More information on the statutory changes (e.g. the State Budget Act - NRS 353) that would be pursued to implement this Constitutional change would be necessary to determine the fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Agriculture**

Approved by: Marko Markovic, Administrative Services Officer III

Comment: Agency will need to add 2 new positions (Administrative Services Officer II and Management Analyst III) to manage increase in workload.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$262,989	$246,415	$493,330

State Agency: **Department of Corrections**

Approved by: Kristina Shea, Deputy Director

Comment: The Department has reviewed BDR C-954 / SJR6 and determined there to be no fiscal impact to NDOC.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Education**

Approved by: Beau Bennett, State Education Funding Specialist

Comment: If enacted, the proposed legislation would amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for limited annual regular legislative sessions. The Department has reviewed the bill and determined that there would be a fiscal impact. The Department would need to reclass a position to an Administrative Service Officer IV, as well as add two Budget Analysts, an Administrative Services Officer II. The Department would also need to add an Management Analyst III to review, coordinate, and respond to questions relating to legislation and an Management Analyst II to review and respond to fiscal notes and presentation preparation. The cost of the positions, the associated equipment and EITS costs would be $563,946 in FY24 and $666,472.50 in FY25, with future biennia cost of $1,432,915.88.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$563,946	$666,473	$1,432,916

State Agency: **Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation**

Approved by: Stewart Terry, Admin Services Officer II

Comment: DETR has reviewed BDR C-954 and has determined that there is fiscal impact related to both existing staff time as well as a need for additional staff. BDR C-954 proposes annual legislative sessions, as well as an overall increase in total time per biennium in-session from 120 to 150 days. DETR believes that this will result in an approximate increase of 240 working hours for a number of existing staff detailed in Supporting Document 1 to accommodate the 25% increase in total time in-session per biennium. Additionally, to provide support for fiscal note calculations, Q&A with the Governors Finance Office and Legislative Council Bureau, and coordinate all related activity, DETR believes a number of new staff would be required. These new positions include a Deputy Administrator for the Nevada Equal Rights commission as well as a coordination team to be housed in DETR Administration/Financial Management consisting of an Administrative Services Officer II, Management Analyst III, Account Technician II, and Administrative Assistant II. Due to the timeframe involved in an amendment to the Nevada Constitution, DETR believes that the "Year 1" (SFY 2024) and "Year 2" (SFY 2025) costs would be zero, and is instead listing all costs under "future biennia".

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$0	$0	$1,545,133

State Agency: **Department of Health and Human Services**

Approved by: Kimberly Fahey, MA 3

Comment: As introduced, this bill may increase workload and as largely a federal or fee-funded Department, there may be consideration at some point to allow the for additional General Fund staff to account for the additional workload.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Indigent Defense Services**

Approved by: Marcie Ryba, Director

Comment: The Department has reviewed the bill and does not believe there will be a fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Public Safety**
Approved by: Lesa Galloway, Administrative Services Officer III
Comment: BDR C-954; SJR6 Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for annual sessions of the Legislature. The Department has reviewed this bill and determined that there is no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Sentencing Policy**
Approved by: Jorja Powers, Policy Analyst
Comment: The agency has reviewed the bill and determined that there is no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Taxation**

Approved by: Adriane Roberts-Larson, Deputy Executive Director - Administrative Services

Comment: SJR 6 would result in a constitutional amendment to provide for annual sessions of the Nevada Legislature, if passed this Session, by the next Legislature, and ratified by a vote of the people in an election.

This change will have the greatest impact to the Department's Local Government Finance Section (LGF). This section of the Department of Taxation provides oversight of the financial administration of approximately 260 local governments in Nevada as provided in NRS Chapters 350 and 354, including review and approval of the budgets of all local governments on an annual (not biennial) basis, and monitoring budgetary and financial information throughout the fiscal year. This Section also provides property tax revenue rate regulation, oversight of local government debt management and evaluates financial proposals. Moving to annual legislative sessions would substantially increase the burden to the LGF Section due to the responsibility and timing of various statutory reports and deadlines which most frequently occur during a legislative session. The Legislative Session occurs during the busiest time of the year for Local Government Finance, due to the number of statutory deadlines: audits are due at the end of December, but with the number of extensions they continue to come in through March; budget season begins in January with continuous statutory deadlines through May. NRS 354.475.

All expenditures would be in a future biennium as this bill requires two legislative sessions and a vote of the people. This request is for the funding of one Budget Analyst 1 position, beginning in October of the first year of the biennium. The fiscal effect on the Department, will be Personnel Services of $199,640 (including overtime); Operating Expenses of $6,059; and Information Services of $5,072 for required EITS Assessment costs (phone, productivity suite, etc). Each of these expense categories will have an effect on future biennia. The Equipment Expense is one-time.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$0	$0	$215,379

State Agency: **Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs**

Approved by: Brenda Scolari, Director

Comment: After reviewing the text of the bill, an annual legislative session would require an additional Management Analyst 2 to offset the additional fiscal workload. All expenditures would be in future biennium, because the bill requires approval in another legislative session. Per the proposed legislative schedule in SJR6, the budget-building remains in odd year limited sessions, though overall there is net gain of 30 legislative days in the biennium with when including the even-year sessions dedicated to the consideration of new bills. There is also a likelihood of special sessions, given this schedule is new to lawmakers.

My department's fiscal team has thus far been absorbing the additional workload associated with legislative years. With the addition of legislative days and the ongoing nature of annual sessions, the addition of a position would be needed to offset the time taken by administrators and fiscal staff to address budgets, interaction with GFO and LCB, fiscal notes, and interaction with legislators.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$0	$0	$153,638

State Agency: **Department of Transportation**

Approved by: Debbie Binggeli, Customer Service Manager and Legislative Coordinator

Comment: The agency has reviewed the bill and determined there will be no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Veterans Services**

Approved by: David Johnson, Deputy XO

Comment: NDVS anticipates the need to add a Management Analyst 2 position to handle the increased workload of yearly legislative sessions. Year 1 salary + benefits would be $75,788 and year two salary + benefits would be $79,636.

NDVS would need additional travel between Las Vegas and Reno (Carson City) for the Director and Deputy Director. We anticipate six extra trips for the additional year and that estimate is $4,164.

Equipment for new employee: $8,750 Year 1; and $8,789 Year 2

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$0	$0	$177,127

State Agency: **Department of Wildlife**

Approved by: Jordan Goshert, Deputy Director, Administrative Services

Comment: The Department has reviewed BDR C-954 (Redo 0, SJR6) and determined that there will not be a fiscal impact to the Department.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Division of Minerals**

Approved by: Mike Visher, Administrator

Comment: There is no fiscal impact to the agency.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Governor's Office of Economic Development**

Approved by: Michele Lynn, GOED Director of Administration

Comment: Agency has reviewed and determined a fiscal impact in the even numbered years for staff travel expenses due to the added session. Since Legislative Session has not occurred in an even numbered year, agency has based their costs on current and historical pre-pandemic travel for Legislative Session from the odd numbered years as per traveler. Per bill language stating passage would be next Legislature and then approved and ratified by voters in an election, costs anticipated are calculated to the bill's corresponding future biennia.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$0	$0	$47,971

State Agency: **Nevada Commission on Ethics**

Approved by: Ross Armstrong, Executive Director

Comment: We have reviewed the language and determined there is no fiscal impact on our agency.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Nevada Gaming Control Board**

Approved by: Michael K. Morton, Senior Policy Counsel

Comment: The Nevada Gaming Control Board has reviewed the resolution and determined that there would be no fiscal impact to the Board.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Nevada System of Higher Education**

Approved by: Tillery Williams , Director of Community Engagement, Equity, and Inclusion

Comment: The Nevada System of Higher Education has reviewed the proposed legislation and has determined there will be a fiscal impact. However, the extent of that impact cannot be determined at this time. Annual sessions would require additional travel and operating expenses for NSHE and its institutional leaders to participate in the extra legislative sessions.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Office of the Attorney General**

Approved by: Jessica Hoban, Chief Financial Officer

Comment: The agency has reviewed the BDR and determined there is no fiscal impact.

If approval of this BDR results in any significant changes to the current biennial budgeting process at the agency level, additional analysis can be provided at that time.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Office of the Governor**

Approved by: Daniel Marlow, ASD Administrator, Department of Administration

Comment: The agency has reviewed the BDR as written and determined there is no fiscal impact to the Office of the Governor.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Office of the Military**

Approved by: Chris Snidow, Management Analyst II

Comment: The agency has reviewed the bill and has determined that there is a need to hire a Budget Analyst 3 for future biennials.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$0	$0	$216,261

State Agency: **Office of the Secretary of State**

Approved by: Gabriel Di Chiara, Chief Deputy Secretary of State

Comment: The agency has reviewed the resolution and determined that there will be no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Office of the State Controller**
Approved by: James Smack, Chief Deputy Controller
Comment:

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Office of the State Treasurer**
Approved by: Lori Hoover, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Comment: The Office has reviewed SJR6 and determined that the Bill would provide for annual legislative sessions. The Office anticipates that if passed, an increased number of legislative measures would be introduced, which would require an increased amount of travel and staff time. It is not clear the exact increase that would take place. Accordingly, the fiscal impact cannot be quantified.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission**
Approved by: Christopher L. Carter, Deputy Director
Comment: Each Legislative session typically results in changes to NRS/NAC 289. Agency mission requirements involve creating new language and training curriculum in compliance with NRS/NAC changes. Currently, time in between sessions allows existing staff to complete the agency mission in a timely manner and in compliance with timelines established by the Legislature. The implementation of annual Legislative sessions would likely result in increased workload and potentially require the addition of staff in order to comply with timelines set by the Legislature for implementation of NRS/NAC changes. At this point, impact cannot be determined or accurately predicted.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Public Employees' Benefits Program**
Approved by: Laura Rich, Executive Officer
Comment: The agency has reviewed the bill and determined there is no fiscal impact to the Public Employees' Benefits Program.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Public Utilities Commission of Nevada**

Approved by: Breanne Potter, Commission Secretary

Comment: The Public Utilities Commission has reviewed the bill and determined that there is no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Silver State Health Insurance Exchange**

Approved by: Jonathan Lopez, Chief Financial Officer

Comment: The agency has reviewed the bill and determined that there is no fiscal impact.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

Approved by: Cathy Erskine, Senior Policy Advisor

Comment: The Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NDCNR) has reviewed this bill and determined that additional staff would be necessary to manage communications, extra workload, and increased fiscal processes that would correlate with the change to annual sessions of the Legislature. A significant amount of staff time is dedicated during the legislative session to be responsive to legislative activities and requests, including appearing before legislative committees to provide testimony on bills that impact the agency, working with legislators and stakeholders to amend bills, responding to legislative inquiries, and tracking of bills with direct impact to the department. With this increase in workload, the department anticipates the need for one additional deputy administrator in the five larger divisions: the Nevada Division of Forestry, the Nevada Division of Water Resources, the Nevada Division of State Parks, the Nevada Division of State Lands, and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. These five divisions frequently engage during the legislative session on complex environmental and natural resources policy issues, as well as fiscal matters, and regularly engage with legislators and stakeholders on a number of bills that impact the respective divisions.

To assist the smaller agencies with additional workload, the department would also need a new Deputy Director, Administrative Services Officer III, and Governmental Liaison / Policy Analyst within the Director's Office. This fiscal note includes costs for eight new positions and associated operating, travel, information services, equipment, and additional lease space to house new staff due to space constraints within the current NDCNR building that house the majority of NDCNR staff.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Has Impact	$0	$1,150,986	$1,418,876	$2,826,334

State Agency: **State Public Charter School Authority**

Approved by: Jennifer Bauer, Administrative Services Officer III

Comment: The agency has reviewed this bill and determined the following: A) Fiscal impact to the agency - none; B) Fiscal impact to the sponsored charter schools – none.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
No Impact	$0	$0	$0	$0

State Agency: **Department of Motor Vehicles, Research and Project Management**

Approved by: Angela Smith-Lamb, DMV Administrator

Comment: BDR C-954 proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for limited annual regular legislative sessions of not more than 90 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in length in even-numbered years, with even year sessions restricted to budget and fiscal issues. The proposed resolution also would allow the Assembly Speaker or Senate Majority Leader, acting jointly, to call a regular session to recess. The resolution would also revise provisions relating to compensation. If passed by the Legislature, the resolution must also be passed at the 2025 Legislative Session, approved and ratified by voters in an election. This resolution becomes effective upon passage.

The Department has reviewed this resolution and determined that the impact cannot be accurately determined. Overall, under the bill's provisions, legislative time is increased to 140 total days from the existing 120-day session. This will have a general impact on staff workload to incorporate standard operations, ongoing projects and budget preparation work and drafting of bills, fiscal notes and implementation of passed legislation. Process changes will have to be initiated to prepare and submit budgets documentation if existing deadlines remain unchanged, but the short duration of the sessions in each year may not justify the hiring of additional staff for limited term work.

Impact	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	$0	$0	$0	$0