BDR 16-461
AB 229

EXECUTIVE AGENCY

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 14, 2023

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)		$1,202,630	$1,645,138	$3,290,276
In-State Travel (Expense)		$58,752	$78,336	$156,672
Operating (Expense)		$103,556	$44,354	$88,708
Equipment (Expense)		$58,626		
Information Services (Expense)		$54,643	$11,769	$23,538
Sworn Specialty Equipment (Expense)		$37,453	$22,862	$45,724
Total	0	$1,515,660	$1,802,459	$3,604,918

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

BDR 16-461 Revises provisions relating to sentencing.

Currently, the Parole Board grants parole at a rate of approximately 65% of eligible inmates. With a presumption of granting and removing the provision of greater punishment the parole grant rate will certainly increase. An increase in the grant rate will result in more individuals on parole supervision. Per the Parole Board's FY22 annual report they granted parole to 3,801 individuals. While it's difficult to predict the percent of increase in grants created by this bill, a conservative estimate of a 15% increase would result in the release of an additional 570 individuals who otherwise would not have been granted parole. Many of these 570 individuals would likely have been denied parole based on the standard of greater punishment for repeat offenders, serious crimes and crimes of violence. These newly granted parolees will probably skew towards high or very high risk per the Nevada Risk Assessment System.

Very High is supervised at 30:1, High at 60:1 and Moderate at 80:1.

Assuming a 60:1 ratio of parolees to an officer, 570 new parolees will require an additional 10 DPS Officer II's and 2 DPS Sergeants plus all the additional equipment, vehicles and technology. Office space may also be a concern but cannot be predicted given the current vacancy rates and the regions to which the parolees will choose to go. Currently, our Pre-Release unit process parole releases at a 250:1 ratio. This increase will call for an additional three (3) Parole and Probation Specialist II positions and associated technology.

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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Comprehensive Review (Expense)		$25,000		
Total	0	$25,000	0	0

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AB229 adds to the Parole Board's (Board) standards, a "presumption in favor" of granting parole. This will change the standards adopted by the Board when determining whether to grant parole. NRS 213.10885 (6) states at least once every 5 years, the Board shall review comprehensively the standards adopted by the Board.

During the 81st Legislative session, the Board was approved funding in the amount of $25,000 in fiscal year 2023 to conduct the comprehensive review on the Board's standards to determine whether the standards are effective in predicting the probability that a convicted person will live and remain at liberty without violating the law if parole is granted or continued. This 2023 comprehensive review will be completed by June 30, 2023, and all funds will be expended for the services already rendered that were allocated for fiscal year 2023, in compliance with NRS 213.10885 (6).

AB229 language referencing NRS 213.10885 will require an additional comprehensive review to be completed.

Due to budgetary limitations, the Parole Board is not capable of accommodating the fees associated with another comprehensive review of our standards. Therefore, the Parole Board requests $25,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 if this bill was to pass.

The Parole Board may request to return to the Interim Finance Committee in the 2023-2025 biennium should, due to this bill, costs exceed the funding available.

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