

UNSOLICITED
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: May 30, 2025

Agency Submitting: Clark County

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Labor (Expense)		\$1,992,775	\$2,121,668	\$4,566,890
Office Equipment (Expense)		\$39,050	\$12,000	\$25,830
Office Space (Expense)		\$1,611,733		
Total	0	\$3,643,558	\$2,133,668	\$4,592,720

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Based on the reduced felony theft threshold alone, it's estimated to result in an additional 2K+ felony cases being managed by the Public Defender's (PD) Office annually. Based on caseload requirement standards, it would necessitate adding 12 incremental PD positions (6 Deputy PDs along with a Chief PD, Investigator, Legal Secretary, Office Assistant, Social Worker, and System Tech; \$2M+/year) along with pertinent office hardware/software (\$40K in the first year; \$13K annually thereafter). Additionally, there'd be a need to create applicable office space to accommodate the additional staff (approx. \$1.6M one-time capital cost).

Note that these estimated costs do not include those associated with other new crimes that would be created due to the bill nor likely costs incurred by Detention or the courts associated with bail hearing changes and lack of specialty court access.

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