

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared January 23, 2003

Agency Submitting: Department of Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2002-03	Fiscal Year 2003-04	Fiscal Year 2004-05	Effect on Future Biennia
Assesemnt Field Test (Expense)		\$17,800		
Brigance Materials (Expense)		\$7,200		
Total		\$25,000		\$0

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

It is the belief of Department staff, after reviewing the BDR requirements, that the Brigance K & 1 Screen currently being used within Nevada to assess the skill level of students who have not attended kindergarten but want to enroll in first grade can be used to meet the BDR requirements with some additional validation. With this understanding, the cost would include the need to pilot test the Kindergarten portion of the assessment in order to determine an appropriate cut-score for use with 4 1/2 year old children. This is the process that was followed during the validation process of the Brigance for first grade student admission. Based on the expenses of the original validation process, the field testing would require approximately \$17,800 to support: training and travel expenses for school district staff identified to administer the assessment; funds to support the cost to collect and analyze the test data to determine the cut score; and approximately \$7,800 to purchase 40 sets of Brigance K & 1 manuals and data sheet packets (\$180 for each set). A total of \$25,000 would be required by the Department to implement the BDR requirements. This fiscal note response did not attempt to provide a cost estimate for school districts to implement the program which would include personnel time to administer the assessments and increased student enrollments (cost to state DSA funding) if the BDR were to be passed by the 2003 Legislative session.

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S COMMENT

Date January 31, 2003

Agency's estimates appear reasonable.

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