

BDR C-1353
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NON-EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: May 19, 2003

Agency Submitting: Legislative Counsel Bureau

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2002-03	Fiscal Year 2003-04	Fiscal Year 2004-05	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)				\$491,400
Operating (Expense)				\$63,000
Total				\$554,400

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

BDR C-1353 proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide legislators with salary for every day of session. Existing law provides that legislators are to be paid salary for 60 days out of the 120 days of session, at the statutory rate of \$130 per day. An additional 60 days of salary for each legislator, at \$130 per day, would add \$491,400 to the cost of session.

The Nevada Constitution currently allows legislators to be paid a salary for 20 days during a special legislative session. This BDR provides for the payment of salary for every day of the special legislative session. No additional amount is provided in this fiscal note, inasmuch as all recent special legislative sessions have been 3 days duration or less.

The State Constitution currently provides that each legislator is entitled to an allowance of \$60 for each regular and special session for postage, express charges, newspapers, and stationery. This BDR provides that the payment for these items plus telecommunication costs be a reasonable rather than a fixed amount. For purposes of this estimate it is assumed that each legislator receives an allowance for this purpose equal to \$1,000 per member.

The proposed changes would have to be approved twice by the legislature, then once by the voters. If approved, it would be effective for the 2007 session.

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