

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 14, 2023

Agency Submitting: Nevada System of Higher Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Revenue Loss - Nevada State College (Revenue)		(\$69,726)	(\$130,312)	(\$329,650)
Revenue Loss - TMCC (Revenue)		(\$27,030)	(\$27,030)	(\$54,060)
Revenue Loss - GBC (Revenue)		(\$207,045)	(\$343,928)	(\$598,136)
Revenue Loss - WNC (Revenue)		(\$195,624)	(\$195,624)	(\$391,248)
Revenue Loss - UNLV (Revenue)		(\$1,181,250)	(\$1,203,750)	(\$2,407,500)
Total	0	(\$1,680,675)	(\$1,900,644)	(\$3,780,594)

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

After review of the proposed bill, the Nevada System of Higher Education has determined that there would be a fiscal impact to Nevada State College (NSC), Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), Great Basin College (GBC), Western Nevada College (WNC), and University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). Please see attached for a detailed explanation.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Date Monday, February 13, 2023

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After review of the proposed bill, the Nevada System of Higher Education has determined that there would be a fiscal impact to Nevada State College, Truckee Meadows Community College, Great Basin College, Western Nevada College, and UNLV.

For Nevada State College there would be a fiscal impact due to loss of revenue. Assumptions include an increase in dual enrollment students upon the hiring of a Native American Liaison as well as a subsequent increase in matriculation of those students and out of state students. Calculations assume \$75 fee per course with 4 courses per student per year (for non-dual enrollment) and 20% of dual enrollment students projected to matriculate to Nevada State.

TMCC would lose revenue due to the loss of fees for Dual Enrollment and Jumpstart students. Currently there are 37 Native American students enrolled in either Dual Enrollment or Jumpstart. The cost per credit is \$85. An average of 4.3 credits was used for this calculation.

6,997 Jumps Start Dual Enrollment credits / 1,692 students = 4.3 credits/student
4.3 credits*37 Native American students=159 credits
159 credits*\$85=\$13,515
\$13,515*2 semesters=\$27,030 lost in revenue per fiscal year

For Great Basin College (GBC) there would be a fiscal impact due to a loss of revenue. Assumptions include an increase in dual enrollment, out-of-state, and in-state students. Calculations assume \$85 per credit with 4 courses per student per year for dual enrollment and 12 credits per semester for non-dual enrollment students.

WNC will lose revenues due to loss of fees for Dual Enrollment and Jumpstart students. Currently there are 228 Native American High School students enrolled in either dual enrollment or jumpstart. The cost per credit is \$85 for students who do not qualify for free/reduced lunches and \$58 per credit for students who do qualify for free/reduced lunches. An average of \$71.50 per credit was used in the calculation. The number of credits taken per student varies depending on school. An estimate of 6 credits per semester was used in the calculation. Calculations below:

228 students x 6 credits per semester = 1,368 credits per semester
1,328 credits per semester x 2 semesters = 2,736 credits per fiscal year
2,736 credits per year x \$71.50 per credit = \$195,624 lost in revenue per fiscal year

For UNLV, this legislation would expand the Native American fee waiver to include eligible Native Americans whether inside or outside NV, not only for trade or vocational, graduate and professional programs, but also for dual-credit courses. The in state Native American fee waiver policy was implemented effective FY22; A summary of enrollment and cost of the waiver to date (NV eligible only - new waiver effective fall 2021) is as follows:

FY22 (Fall 2021-Spring 2022): 10 Students, \$39,609
FY23 (Fall 2022-Spring 2023): 33 Students, \$113,700*

*preliminary/estimated

Assumptions for additional fee waivers / lost revenue in FY24 and FY25:

100 additional out of state Native Americans would enroll at UNLV and take 30 undergraduate credits per year; all are from Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) states, and the non-resident tuition (WUE) is 50% of the registration fee, also waived.

The UNLV Board approved per credit undergraduate registration fee is \$262.50 in FY24 and \$267.50 in FY25. Only registration fees and non-resident tuition (WUE) are included in the FY4-FY25 projection, although the bill allows for lab fees and other mandatory fees to also be waived, so these estimates would be low given the assumptions. The expansion of the Native American fee waiver has the potential to result in millions of dollars per year in lost revenue for UNLV as more students become aware of it, particularly if eligible students enroll in the graduate and professional programs (Law, Dental, and Medical Schools at UNLV), which have higher fees than the undergraduate programs.