

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 27, 2023

Agency Submitting: Department of Wildlife

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel Services (Budget Account 4466 Category 01) (Expense)		\$80,378	\$83,654	\$180,693
Out-of-State Travel (Budget Account 4466 Category 02) (Expense)		\$3,400	\$3,400	\$6,800
In-State Travel (Budget Account 4466 Category 03) (Expense)		\$3,400	\$3,400	\$6,800
Operating (Budget Account 4466 Category 04) (Expense)		\$88	\$88	\$176
Equipment (Budget Account 4466 Category 05) (Expense)		\$66,053		
Operating Supplies (Budget Account 4466 Category 12) (Expense)		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Information Services (Budget Account 4466 Category 26) (Expense)		\$409	\$409	\$818
Total	0	\$154,728	\$91,951	\$197,287

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The agency has reviewed BDR 45-339 and has determined that there would be a fiscal impact to the agency. The BDR would provide management authority to the Nevada Department of Wildlife for invertebrate species of greatest conservation need as designated by the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP). There is a large amount of diversity in the types of invertebrates that occur in Nevada, including ants, butterflies, bees, and beetles. Currently, the Department and its partners have identified 66 species within the SWAP, the majority of which are bees and butterflies except for one aquatic naucorid insect. Managing these species requires specialized knowledge and expertise, which the Department currently lacks. In addition, the Wildlife Diversity Division is the smallest division within the Department yet has the largest responsibility for wildlife that are not hunted or fished, and therefore lacks the capacity to adequately conserve and manage an additional 66 species. A dedicated wildlife staff specialist position would be required to work with other state and federal partners to implement conservation actions identified within the SWAP, including increasing knowledge of the distribution and status of these species, restoring habitats these species rely upon, establishing a rare invertebrate program to coordinate management activities and increasing outreach and education on Nevada's insects. Funding for this position is requested from the General Fund. The Wildlife Diversity Division is partially funded by Federal State Wildlife Grants. This funding source is limited and annually variable, and currently does not provide adequate funding for all the species the Division is responsible for managing. Invertebrate management and conservation are ineligible grant expenses for other sources of federal grants the Department receives (for example, federal Pittman-Robertson grants). Therefore, General Fund support is necessary.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS**

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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