

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

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 10, 2025

Agency Submitting: Department of Corrections

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
(Expense)		\$333,720	\$333,720	\$667,439
Total	0	\$333,720	\$333,720	\$667,439

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Nevada Department of Corrections has reviewed SB 035. Section 1 of the bill provides that an employee, contractor, or volunteer at a prison who communicates with a prisoner outside the course and scope of his or her duties for prurient or other illegal purposes is guilty of a category E felony. If they do it with the intent to arouse, appeal to or gratify his or her own sexual desires or the sexual desires of a prisoner then they are guilty of a category D felony. Section 2 changes the term "intoxicating liquor" to "intoxicant" and defines that term. Section 3 increases the penalty for sexual abuse of a prisoner from a category D felony to a category B felony as well as increasing the penalty for unauthorized custodial conduct from a gross misdemeanor to a category C felony. Although there was little direct data to measure the potential impact of this bill, the department did review admissions data for relevant NRS convictions and made some reasonable assumptions as to how the looser requirements would impact admissions/population levels. The department expects a population increase of 10 offenders the first year after the effective date with that number remaining steady at 10 per year. For FY-26 and FY-27 we expect to see a population increase of 10 offenders per year. At a current total average daily cost per offender of \$91.43, that would be a cost of \$333,719.50 for FY-26 and \$333,719.50 for FY-27 (total biennium cost of \$667,439.00). Future biennia cost of \$667,439.00.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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