

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 20, 2025

Agency Submitting: Nevada System of Higher Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel - Millennium Scholarship Coordinator (Expense)			\$108,901	\$217,802
Personnel - UNLV Financial Aid Scholarship Counselor (Expense)			\$69,854	\$139,708
Personnel - UNLV Computer Science Graduate Assistant (Expense)			\$31,053	\$62,106
Total	0	0	\$209,808	\$419,616

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

While the Nevada System of Higher Education cannot determine the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation on the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund, we expect an increase in utilization of the scholarship, which would result in greater annual expenses to the program.

Section 4 directs the Board of Regents to establish an appeals process for students who failed a second time to meet continuing eligibility requirements. If the appeals process is centralized at the System level, a full-time position will be needed to manage the process, coordinate with the State Treasurer's Office, and respond to student inquiries.

The proposed legislation would also require the Board of Regents to establish a procedure for a student who is eligible for a Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (GGMS) and was enrolled in fewer than 15 semester credits during any semester during his or her first 2 years of enrollment at an institution within the System to receive more than the cost of 15 semester credits for a semester during his or her subsequent 2 years of enrollment. At least one institution (the University of Nevada, Las Vegas) determined that implementation would require additional administrative support.

Additional details included in the attached document "BDR-34-45 Fiscal Cost Details".

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Date Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

BDR/Bill/Amendment Number: BDR 34-45/SB176

Name of Agency: Nevada System of Higher education

Division/Department: _____

Date: 02/12/2025

Nevada System of Higher Education System Administration

While NSHE cannot determine the fiscal impact of the proposed legislation on the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund, we expect an increase in utilization of the scholarship, which would result in greater annual expenses to the program.

Section 4 - directs the Board of Regents to establish an appeals process for students who have failed a second time to meet continuing eligibility requirements. Using Fall 2024 as an example and looking at students who failed a second time to meet continuing eligibility requirements at the end of that term, we would expect to see a substantial number of appeals submitted on a semesterly basis. At the end of Fall 2024, 835 NSHE students failed a second time to meet continuing eligibility requirements (342 @ UNLV; 254 @ UNR; 143 @ CSN; 45 @ TMCC; 43 @ NSU; 5 @ WNC; and 3 @ GBC). If the appeals process is centralized at the System level, a full-time position will be needed to manage the process, coordinate with the State Treasurer's Office, and respond to student inquiries. Although the appeals provisions in the bill are effective 7/1/27, the figures provided include a position for the entire fiscal year to allow for implementation activities (Grade C/Q1 on the NSHE salary schedule).

FY 2027

Personnel Costs

Position Name	Annual Salary	Benefits	Percent of Time Required	Cost
Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Coordinator	\$78,914	\$29,987	100%	\$108,901
Total				\$108,901

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

The proposed legislation would require the Board of Regents to establish a procedure for a student who is eligible for a Millennium Scholarship and was enrolled in fewer than 15 semester credits during any semester during his or her first 2 years of enrollment at an institution within the System to receive more than the cost of 15 semester credits for a semester during his or her subsequent 2 years of enrollment. The bill also includes other criteria changes and reporting requirements.

UNLV's Academic Affairs Office has reviewed SB176 BDR 34-45 and determined that implementation would require additional administrative support, specifically a Financial Aid Scholarship Counselor and a Computer Science Graduate Assistant.

FY 2027

Personnel Costs

Position Name	Annual Salary	Benefits	Percent of Time Required	Cost
Financial Aid Scholarship Counselor	52,920	16,934	100%	69,854
Computer Science Graduate Assistant	22,000	2,552	100%	24,552
Graduate Assistant Grant in Aid		6,501		6,501
Total				\$100,907