

BDR 34-790
SB 115

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 11, 2025

Agency Submitting: Local Government

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

See attached.

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The following responses from local governments were compiled by the Fiscal Analysis Division. The Fiscal Analysis Division can neither verify nor comment on the figures provided by the individual local governments.

Local Government Responses
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<p>School District: Carson City School District Approved by: Spencer Winward, Chief Financial and Operations Officer Comment: Carson City School District currently has no Bilingual programs and has no near-term future plans to add any. This would result in no fiscal impact to the district.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<p>School District: Churchill County School District Approved by: Christi Fielding, Comptroller Comment: We don't offer bilingual education.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<p>School District: Clark County School District Approved by: Diane Bartholomew , Interim Chief Financial Officer Comment: Minimal financial impact is \$2500 per teacher who is directly teaching in the dual language immersion program and has the endorsement (includes core content teachers directly instructing the dual language immersion program) Ronnow ES - 1 bilingual endorsed teacher at each grade level (6 teachers X \$2500 = \$15,000.00; when fully implemented) Lake ES - 1 bilingual endorsed teacher at each grade level (6 teachers X \$2500 = \$15,000.00; when fully implemented) Potential financial impact is \$2500 per teacher who teaches students enrolled in the dual language program (includes all teachers, core and enrichment teachers, teaching dual language students at the school and not directly teaching the dual language immersion program) Ronnow ES - if all teachers at the school had the endorsement (38 teachers X \$2500 = \$95,000.00; estimated based on current teacher numbers at the school) Lake ES - if all teachers at the school had the endorsement (43 teachers X \$2500 = \$107,000.00, estimated based on current teacher numbers at the school) Overall, if passed, even the minimal financial impact would place a burden on schools and the potential fiscal impact is significant for schools supporting dual language immersion programs.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$232,000	\$232,000	\$232,000	\$464,000

<p>School District: Elko County School District Approved by: Cody Krenka, Director of Human Resources Comment:</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<p>School District: Esmeralda County School District Approved by: Anabel Guerrero, Financial Manager Comment: The passing of this new requirement would require our district to hire a teacher endorsed in bilingual.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

<p>School District: Eureka County School District Approved by: Tate Else , Superintendent Comment: The cost of this bill is not able to be determined with out knowing the total enrolment of the students in the program, which drives how many teachers will be eligible for stipends. The additional reporting requirements is a strain on the already short staffed district offices across rural Nevada.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

<p>School District: Humboldt County School District Approved by: Dr. David Jensen, Superintendent Comment: Currently, HCSD does not offer any dual language courses, as a result, currently there is no fiscal impact. However, this may be an option in future years and would have impact on the stipend and additional time to track and report the requested information. We are unable to calculate a cost at this time.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<p>School District: Lincoln County School District Approved by: Pam Teel, Superintendent Comment: Unclear on cost but there is an impact when teachers are required to take more courses to obtain or keep a license.</p>				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Lyon County School District**

Approved by: Kyle Rodriguez, Fiscal Services Officer

Comment: Lyon CSD does not currently offer bilingual programs, so this would not be an immediate fiscal impact. However, if this changed, the fiscal impact would be \$2,500 x as many programs the District offered.

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **Nye County School District**

Approved by: Alma Wright, Executive Secretary

Comment: This would cause a financial hardship for the district, if we must create a bilingual education program, and if we must provide \$2,500 stipends to each educator within the program.

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0

School District: **Pershing County School District**

Approved by: Dennis Holmes, Superintendent

Comment: We currently have one certified ELL Teacher

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500

School District: **Storey County School District**

Approved by: Kristen Chandler, Director of Business Services

Comment: Unknown at this time

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

School District: **White Pine County School District**

Approved by: Paul Johnson, CFO

Comment: Section 3 of this bill requires the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to provide a stipend of \$2,500 each school year to each teacher who is assigned to teach pupils enrolled in a program of bilingual education. Pursuant to NRS 288.150, compensation is subject to mandatory bargaining by an employer and recognized employee organization. Assuming that the stipend is not subject to mandatory bargaining and the school district were able to hire two educators each paid a \$2,500 stipend, the fiscal impact of this bill would be approximately \$5,205 per year or \$10,410 for the biennium. Because the estimated impact exceeds \$5,000 and does not appear to specify a source of revenue to pay for the expense, this bill could be considered an unfunded mandate pursuant to NRS 218D270.

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$5,205	\$5,205	\$10,410

The following school districts did not provide a response: Douglas County School District, Lander County School District, and Mineral County School District.