

BDR 24-829 AB 124

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 12, 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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Title Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst

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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City/County: Carson City Approved by: Sheri Russell-Benabou, Chief Financial Officer Comment:				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Clark County Approved by: Chris Wardlaw, Budget Manager Comment: Unable to determine operational effect or fiscal impact to the Clark County Elections Department as currently written.				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Cannot Be Determined	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Douglas County Approved by: Amy Burgans, Douglas County Clerk/Treasurer Comment:				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Humboldt County Approved by: Weston Noyes, Deputy Comptroller Comment: Has no fiscal impact.				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: Lincoln County Approved by: Denice Brown, Admin Asst Comment:				
Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
No Impact	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

City/County: **Lyon County**

Approved by: Josh Foli, Comptroller

Comment: This will have a fiscal impact due to filling vacant positions mid-term that are created under the provisions of the bill. However, it is not possible to estimate the cost at this time.

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

City/County: **Mineral County**

Approved by: Teresa McNally, Clerk-Treasurer

Comment:

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

City/County: **Pershing County**

Approved by: Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant

Comment:

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

City/County: **Washoe County**

Approved by: Cadence Matijevich, Government Affairs Liaison

Comment: The fiscal impact of this BDR is contingent upon the occurrence of a vacancy in an elected office that is not filled by appointment and requires a special election. The total number of such special elections which may occur as a result of this bill, if any, is unknown and therefore a reliable estimate of the fiscal impact to Washoe County cannot be determined. The cost of special elections varies depending on the specific office and district involved. Based on historical data, if a County-wide special election were to occur, the cost to conduct such an election would be approximately \$1,072,714.05.

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

City/County: **City of West Wendover**

Approved by: Anna Bartlome, City Clerk/Records Officer

Comment:

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

City/County: **City of Sparks**

Approved by: Tiffany Pugh, Accounting Manager

Comment:

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

City/County: **City of Reno**

Approved by: Jason Gortari, Urban Economist

Comment: Section 1, Subsection 1 of this bill requires an elected public officer to resign from their current office before filing nomination papers for any other elective public office unless specific exemptions apply. The cost associated with staff time to address a resulting vacancy cannot be precisely determined; however, at least two special meetings would be required as a minimum. Depending on whether the vacancy is filled through an appointment or a special election, additional special meetings, meet-and-greet sessions, and community engagement efforts may be necessary, potentially increasing costs. These costs would be incurred per vacancy, but not every situation would require additional special meetings. For reference, the City of Henderson incurred approximately \$250,000 in costs to conduct a special election in 2023, providing a potential cost estimate for similar scenarios.

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

City/County: **City of Las Vegas**

Approved by: Rocio Martinez Saucedo, Grants Administrator

Comment: Per City Of Las Vegas Charter, the organization has to address an elected vacancy within a period not exceeding 30 days. In the context of the 2024 elections, it meant that the incumbent officials and the two candidates running for Mayor would have tendered their resignation in March, prior to the commencement of the candidate filing period. This circumstance would necessitate the organization and completion of a special election prior to the scheduled June election. To illustrate the financial implications of such an occurrence, the City referenced to the quoted cost for a "single-ward" special election from the CCED in 2024, which amounted to \$720,000. If we consider the 2024 Primary as a case study, the City would have faced the challenge of filling four vacated seats (those held by Knudsen, Diaz, Seaman, and Crear) in advance of the June 2024 elections. The projected cost for a special election encompassing all four wards would exceed \$3 million. Moreover, during the 30-day vacancy period, the absence of a full council would impede our ability to establish a quorum necessary for conducting City Council meetings.

There is \$0 Fiscal Impact for FY 26-27 as there are no elections that year.

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$2,880,000	\$2,160,000	\$0	\$2,880,000

City/County: **City of Henderson**

Approved by: Mike Cathcart, Business Operations Manager

Comment: No fiscal impact to the City of Henderson.

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

City/County: **City of Fernley**

Approved by: Robert Carson, City Treasurer

Comment:

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

City/County: **City of Elko**

Approved by: Annette Robinson, City Clerk

Comment: The City of Elko has reviewed the bill and has determined that there is no fiscal impact.

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

City/County: **City of Boulder City**

Approved by: Cynthia Sneed, Finance Director

Comment: If this bill passes, we have the potential of having a vacant seat of a mid-term candidate.

The cost to hold a special all-mail ballot election is estimated by Clark County Election Department to cost \$123, 428.04.

Impact	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Future Biennia
Has Impact	\$0	\$0	\$123,428	\$123,428

The following cities/counties did not provide a response: Churchill County, Elko County, Esmeralda County, Lander County, Nye County, Storey County, White Pine County, Eureka County, City of Yerington, City of Winnemucca, City of Wells, City of North Las Vegas, City of Mesquite, City of Lovelock, City of Fallon, City of Ely, City of Carlin, and City of Caliente.