

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: February 15, 2025

Agency Submitting: State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		\$117,506	\$154,484	\$302,968
In State Travel (Expense)		\$5,460	\$5,460	\$10,920
Operating (Expense)		\$1,786	\$1,914	\$3,828
Information Services (Expense)		\$9,839	\$5,574	\$11,148
Total	0	\$134,591	\$167,432	\$328,864

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Nevada Conservation and Recreation Program was established within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources by AB 84 of the 2019 Legislature (2019 Statutes of Nevada, Chapter 480). Section 8 of this bill (AB104) codifies the program and adds the Nevada Voluntary Water Rights Retirement Program as established by section 10 of this act. Section 12 of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 8-12 of this bill. The department, through receipt of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, has implemented and managed a \$100 million Nevada Water Conservation and Infrastructure Initiative (NWCII) that included the purchase and retirement of water rights consistent with the purposes of the Nevada Voluntary Water Rights Retirement Program as set forth in this bill. Under the ARPA funded NWCII, the department has an Administrative Services Officer position that will sunset and has been requested to be repurposed to fill gaps in grant management and bond oversight throughout the Department. The Department would need a full-time position to absorb the additional responsibility of adopting regulations and managing the new program.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Date Friday, February 14, 2025

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