

Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services

AB 449: the purpose of this document is to provide an estimation of fiscal impact to expand age of juvenile jurisdiction from 18-21 and from 22-24 years of age.

The Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center currently has an architectural capacity of 108 single room cells, but current operational/staffing capacity is at 72 youth. It was constructed in 2004 at a cost of \$24 million.

The addition of ages 18-21 would anticipate an annual increase of bookings from 1,000 to 2,600

The addition of ages 22-24 would anticipate an increase of annual bookings to 3,200

The total increase from 18-24 would approximately equal 3,200 additional bookings annually which is an increase of 143% overall bookings to the juvenile facility. Based on information received from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Nevada Department of Corrections, if this were to take affect today, there would be an addition of a little over 200 individuals. Based on current youth bed capacity plus the new individuals, we would not have capacity. The average age of current population at Jan Evans is 15 years old with children as young as 10 years of age.

Estimation of detention personnel costs: \$7 million for each of the respective age groups above for a minimum of \$14 million. This cost does not reflect the fact that the facility would need to be expanded by at least twice its current capacity. On our footprint, we can expand one housing unit with 36 beds. There is no further property to construct upon. Consequently, a new property would need to be purchased and a new facility would need to be constructed. The current facility cost \$24 million in 2004, we would need a facility and infrastructure at least four times bigger which would cost substantially more than it did 16 years ago.

Unknown cost variables: probation supervision, medical, mental health, food, construction, vehicle fleet, administration, infrastructure, supplies. With the increased client population, corresponding probation supervision personnel costs would be at least \$3 million.

It is important to note that these are only estimations based on provided information. A formalized needs assessment would be required to provide an accurate appraisal.

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