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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2020
TO: Members of the 32nd Special Session of the Legislature
FROM: Michael Nakamoto, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Fiscal Analysis Division
SUBJECT: **Fiscal Note for Assembly Bill 4**

The following fiscal impact statements have been submitted in response to the Fiscal Analysis Division's request for a fiscal note on Assembly Bill 4.

STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Office of the Secretary of State

I have attached a spreadsheet identifying the fiscal impact of BDR 24-13 to the Office of the Secretary of State. The Primary Election required a Voter Education Campaign costing \$752,500. The costs of advertising associated with the General Election will be higher due to the increase in political ads across the State for the remainder of the calendar year. This will result in a more expensive Voter Education Campaign costing \$1,500,000.00. All other expenses from BDR 24-13 will be incurred by the counties. **(An attachment from the Secretary of State's Office is included.)**

Mark A. Wlaschin, Deputy Secretary of State for Operations

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

Carson City

The fiscal note could be significant as we are administrating two types of election (all-mail and in-person). A voter will have a ballot mailed to them – but they may choose not to vote the ballot and appear in-person to cast a ballot.

The bill requires a minimum of one polling location for Early Voting and Election Day; however, I cannot recommend that is what Carson City does. As this is a presidential election and history shows the turnout could be close to 97%, Carson City still needs to operate a minimum of two locations. We are looking at a third location wo we can better accommodate the social distancing guidelines and still process voters through without having to have extraordinarily long lines. We have to administrate a full all-mail election (increased ballot counting board workers and hours) and administrate a full in-person polling location election (polling location election workers, staff overtime, etc.) as the voters have their choice of how they wish to cast their ballot. We cannot determine how many will mail it in or how many will come in.

The approximate unbudgeted costs of mailing ballots to all active voters in the Primary election was \$35,800 of which a portion is being reimbursed by the State. Carson City will incur this plus the budgeted costs based on in-person polling locations. AB4 has allowed for \$3M to the State to help cover the unfunded mandate. The State is determining how these funds are to be spent (i.e. mail costs reimbursements to the counties etc.).

Aubrey Rowlatt, Clerk-Recorder/Public Administrator

Humboldt County

Under the current legislation the primary additional cost would be the printing and mailing costs. For the primary that cost was just short of \$10,000.00. If we had to put a polling location at the Indian reservation that would also add additional cost but that is truly an unknown. If we have to purchase that algorithm equipment for signature verification that could significantly increase the cost though but we are also unable to provide a dollar figure for that equipment at this time.

Gina Rackley, Comptroller/Auditor

Pershing County

The added cost to Pershing County would be \$15,000.00 for a total of \$33,000.00. This is information received from the Pershing Co. Clerk-Treasurer.

Karen Wesner, Administrative Assistant

Washoe County

Per the changes in the bill proposed, the additional cost to Washoe County would be approximately \$300,000 more than we pay for a general election. I have attached a spreadsheet of the total costs for operating the election in Washoe County in November. **(An attachment from Washoe County is included.)**

Jamie Rodriguez, Government Affairs Manager

Attachments (2 pages)

cc: Brenda Erdoes, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau
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DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

BDR/Bill/Amendment Number: BDR 24-13

Name of Agency: Secretary of State

Division/Department: Accounting Division

Date: 7/31/2020

	FY 20-21 Year 1 Cost	FY 21-22 Year 2 Cost	Future Biennia	Total
Operating Expenses				
Voter Education Campaign	1,500,000.00	-	-	1,500,000.00
Operating Expenses Total	1,500,000.00	-	-	1,500,000.00
Total	1,500,000.00	-	-	1,500,000.00

Washoe County - Assembly Bill 4

Description of service or product	Quantity	Price per Unit	Total Cost	Notes
Postage Permit 539 (non profit)- Sample Ballot			\$60,000.00	
Postage Permit 215 (First Class)- Election Ballot			\$220,000.00	
Mail Ballot envelopes(outgoing & returning) domestic/overseas & instructions & secrecy sleeves	1,373,850 pieces		\$110,340.61	K&H
Mail in Ballots/Counter Ballots/packet assembly/delivery/subsequent extracts/freight	314,563-printed 294,161-mailed		\$168,411.83	K&H
Sample Ballot	304,200	0.196	\$60,378.20	Metro - Shipping \$755.00
Moving Company			\$25,000.00	delivery to all EV and ED and AB drop off sites
additional ICC's		2	\$17,500	Dominion ICC ballot scanners
Secure Mail Ballot Drop Boxes			\$25,000.00	
Mail scanner/sorter of return ballots	1		\$250,000.00	have quotes from a few vendors
Personal Protective Equipment for office staff and election workers			\$110,000.00	
Absent Ballot Elections workers - Early Voting			\$69,300.00	\$11 per hour
4 additional EV workers per site			\$66,528.00	\$11 per hour
4 additional ED workers per site			\$11,000.00	\$110 for all day 7 am 7 pm
			\$1,193,458.64	