

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 18, 2019

Agency Submitting: Governor's Office of Energy

<b>Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2018-19</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019-20</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2020-21</b>	<b>Effect on Future Biennia</b>
Staff Salary (Expense)		\$88,667	\$91,181	\$189,904
Total	0	\$88,667	\$91,181	\$189,904

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Nevada Governor's Office of Energy ("GOE") mission is to ensure the wise development of Nevada's energy resources in harmony with local economic needs and to position Nevada to lead the nation in: renewable energy production, energy conservation, exportation of energy, and transportation electrification. The Governor's Office of Energy implements the laws of the State as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes 701 and 701A; manages energy-related programs; facilitates cooperation between key stakeholders; advises the Governor on energy policy; and collaborates with our local, regional, and federal partners to ensure a reliable and sustainable energy system.

SB 254 contemplates annual reporting of the inventory of Nevada's greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("DCNR"). This annual reporting is to be completed in consultation with a number of additional agencies, including GOE. This annual report is also required to include a statement of policies that could achieve reductions in projected GHG emissions.

The fiscal impact presented contemplates substantive work requiring an additional staff member to analyze policies that may be included in DCNR's annual GHG inventory. The attached narrative provides greater detail, as well as tables describing expected tasks for new staff and a calculation from NEBS for new staff salary and fringe.

The attachments include a narrative document further describing the fiscal impact to GOE stemming from the requirements in the bill, as well as the NEBS 130 report detailing expected staff expenses.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS**

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Date Monday, March 18, 2019

Name Colleen Murphy

Title Executive Budget Officer

## DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

BDR/BILL/Amendment Number: SB 254

Name of Agency: Governor's Office of Energy

Date: March 15, 2019

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SB 254 directs the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("DCNR"), in preparing its statutorily required annual inventory of greenhouse gas emissions, to also include a statement of policies that could achieve reductions in projected greenhouse gas emissions in delineated sectors. See Section 2., Subparagraph 2.2(b). In preparing this report, DCNR is directed to consult with GOE, among other agencies. See Section 2, Subparagraph 3.

GOE has estimated additional costs directly and exclusively related to the annual consultation on policies in preparation of DCNR's annual report. The fiscal impact presented in this document was estimated under the assumption that the required consultation would be of a substantive nature but in line with GOE's broader directive for policy analysis and not an analysis of items such as socio-economic or cost analyses, which are not in the current scope and expertise capability of GOE. However, if such requirements are intended to be part of the bill's mandates, GOE requests explicit clarification and will need an extension to prepare a revised fiscal note that could include resources for that needed expertise.

The following tables describe the personnel efforts required for the data collection, analysis, preparation, and review of the policies that would be provided to DCNR in consultation for the preparation of their final annual report under the bill. GOE's current budget and programs do not include a staff position for this type of full-time analysis. The Renewable Energy Analyst position, which should be, in name, re-classified as a Carbon Policy Analyst, will be able to fully commit to the policy review necessary to provide proposed polices and regulations to meet the targets of SB 254.

Table 1: Personnel effort to be incurred under SB 254 for the consultation required in preparation of the report (one year).

Position	Position Class	Efforts	Notes
Renewable Energy Analyst	07760	100% FTE	Leading the collection of polices at a federal, state, and local level to identify best practices and policies that can achieve required reductions in greenhouse gas emissions

Table 2: Personnel costs (including fringe) needed to comply with SB 254 consulting requirements. Based on the efforts in Table 1, work is due annually.

Position	Position Class	Allocated FY20	Allocated FY21	Allocated FY22	Allocated FY23	Total
Renewable Energy Analyst	0620	\$88,667.00	\$91,181.00	\$93,695.00	\$96,209.00	<b>\$369,752.00</b>

NEBS130

State of Nevada - Budget Division  
Payroll/Position Detail  
2019-2021 Biennium (FY20-21)  
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Section A: Position Detail  
Budget Account: 4868 GOE - OFFICE OF ENERGY

Type	Description	PCN	Class	Gd Step	Add Gd	Anv Mo	St	End	Ret Cd	FTE Actual	FTE WP	FTE Y1	FTE Y2 MI	2019-2020		2020-2021		
														Salary	Benefits	Salary	Benefits	
<b>E737 NEW PROGRAMS</b>																		
<b>001 ENERGY CODE</b>																		
4	RENEWABLE ENERGY ANALYST	000000	07760	41-1	0	10	7-19	6-22	1	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	Y SUM	64,934	23,733	67,208	23,973
TOTAL FOR LINE ITEM POSITION GROUP 001										0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00		64,934	23,733	67,208	23,973
TOTAL FOR DECISION UNIT E737										0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00		64,934	23,733	67,208	23,973
TOTAL FOR BUDGET ACCOUNT 4868										0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00		64,934	23,733	67,208	23,973