

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 5, 2023

Agency Submitting: Office of the Secretary of State

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		\$102,186	\$141,248	\$282,496
In-State Travel (Expense)		\$1,432	\$1,911	\$3,822
Operating Expense (Expense)		\$7,360	\$9,759	\$19,518
Equipment/Furniture (Expense)		\$4,908		
Information Services (Expense)		\$11,860	\$1,543	\$3,086
Operating CAT 04 - Toll-free 800 number (Expense)		\$6,903	\$6,903	\$13,806
Dominion Language Access (Expense)		\$99,610	\$44,475	\$88,950
ES&S Language Access (Expense)		\$5,985	\$3,493	\$8,470
Total	0	\$240,244	\$209,332	\$420,148

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Office of the Secretary of State has reviewed AB246 and discussed its potential implementation with county election officials as well as vendors who may provide the services needed to implement it. There is an existing federal requirement to translate ballots into other languages, but that is a county expense. The counties with this requirement are Clark (Tagalog and Spanish) and Nye (Shoshone). This would cost between \$50,000 and \$56,000 to ensure that the languages identified in sections 5, 11-16, 18, 19, 21, and 26-28 of the bill would be translated appropriately across all 17 counties. The toll-free 800 number required by section 6 of the bill would provide the required service. This would cost \$6,903 annually and would be active throughout the year to address voter concerns. One additional full-time staff would be required to manage this program. That position would be a Program Officer III which would cost \$64,130 in FY24 and \$78,916 in FY25. The "Language Access Advisory Committee" would require a full-time staff identified as a Program Officer I which would cost \$56,712 in FY24 and \$68,642 in FY25. The Program Officer I would manage the staff requirements of the Committee identified in sections 34 to 36 of the bill. The position would provide administrative support to the Chair including the drafting of agenda, conducting research relating to the languages in use by Nevadan citizens, and collaborating with language advocacy groups to ensure the committee has the required information identified in section 35 of bill.

Name Debbie Bowman

Title Deputy Secretary of State for Operations

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Tuesday, April 04, 2023

The agency's response appears reasonable.

Name Amy Stephenson

Title Director

Language Access by Vendor

	PPP	PRIMARY ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION	Total for 3 Elections
ES&S (2 counties)	\$1,008.00	\$4,977.00	\$3,493.00	\$9,478.00
Dominion (15 counties)	\$55,135.00	\$44,475.00	\$44,475.00	\$144,085.00
Total	\$56,143.00	\$49,452.00	\$47,968.00	\$153,563.00

COST PER FISCAL YEAR

FY24	\$105,595.00
FY25	\$47,968.00
FY26	\$49,452.00
FY27	\$47,968.00

ES&S Language Access

			Carson	Carson Cost	Lander	Lander Cost
PPP*						
	Base Charge	\$400.00	1	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
	Additional Party (each)	\$6.00	2	\$12.00	2	\$12.00
	Additional Contest (each)	\$19.00	2	\$38.00	2	\$38.00
	Additional Candidate (each)	\$12.00	6	\$72.00	6	\$36.00
	PPP SUBTOTAL			\$522.00		\$486.00
PRIMARY**						
	Base Charge	\$400.00	1	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
	Additional Party (each)	\$6.00	3	\$18.00	3	\$18.00
	Additional Contest (each)	\$19.00	45	\$855.00	22	\$418.00
	Additional Candidate (each)	\$12.00	124	\$1,488.00	115	\$1,380.00
	PRIMARY SUBTOTAL			\$2,761.00		\$2,216.00
GENERAL						
	Base Charge	\$400.00	1	\$400.00	1	\$400.00
	Additional Party (each)	\$6.00	1	\$6.00	1	\$6.00
	Additional Contest (each)***	\$19.00	24	\$456.00	35	\$665.00
	Additional Candidate (each)	\$12.00	55	\$660.00	75	\$900.00
	GENERAL SUBTOTAL			\$1,522.00		\$1,971.00
	TOTAL			\$4,805.00		\$4,673.00

Total for Both Counties for 3 election \$9,478.00

*Assuming both parties have a PPP

**DEM, REP, & NP

*** Includes Questions

Dominion Lanugage Access

Adding Spanish to 13 DVS counties

	Number of Counties*	Per County	Total
On time Cost - Language Pack per county	13	\$820.00	\$10,660.00
Election Setup per county	13	\$2,750.00	\$35,750.00
Election Setup per county (Washoe)**	1	\$8,725.00	\$8,725.00
Total for First Election (PPP)			\$55,135.00
Total Each Subsequent Election			\$44,475.00

Total first election cycle (3 elections) \$144,085.00

*Excludes Clark and Washoe because they already have this

**Washoe County's election setup is more expensive due to the significantly higher number or precincts and ballot types