

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 22, 2023

Agency Submitting: State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel Services (Expense)		\$269,518	\$272,096	\$541,614
In-State Travel (Expense)		\$36,646	\$36,646	\$73,292
Operating (Expense)		\$81,986	\$80,756	\$162,742
Equipment (Expense)		\$10,206		
Information Services (Expense)		\$6,542	\$1,728	\$3,456
Total	0	\$404,898	\$391,226	\$781,104

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

BDR 82-0678 as written would have a significant impact to Budget Account 4285, the Account on Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). Section 6 removes the existing authority for a city or county to designate any portion of highway within the city or county as permissible for the operation of OHVs. The authority for road designation is given to the "commission," defined under NRS 490.022 as the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles (NCOHV).

Designating roads for OHV use is not a present duty of NCOHV under NRS 490.068. If this new duty is assigned to the Commission, the OHV Program which provides administrative support to the Commission, would need to two additional staff positions to support the complex transportation planning tasks to appropriately support the NCOHV. The added positions would both be classified as Transportation Planner IV and would require additional costs including office space in southern and northern Nevada, and associated travel costs to analyze transportation strategies that accommodate OHVs on highways. Further the OHV Program would need to coordinate and receive approval from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) that will require additional time and cost.

Additionally, the OHV Program and Commission are counselled by the Nevada Attorney General's Office whose representative approves public meeting documents and grant agreements. With the increased Commission authority proposed in this BDR annual cost allocations to the Attorney General's Office would increase significantly for their counsel during road designations. Finally, The NCOHV would need to increase the number of public meetings held annually from 6 to 12. Monthly Commission meetings would be needed to track progress on road designations, consider commissioner inputs, along with local government and NDOT concerns.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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