

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 10, 2025

Agency Submitting: Nevada System of Higher Education

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Fiscal Year 2025-26	Fiscal Year 2026-27	Effect on Future Biennia
Commissioned Study (Expense)		\$500,000	\$500,000	
Commission/project management contracted staff - 2 positions at \$41,333 each (Expense)		\$82,666	\$82,666	
Travel (Expense)		\$10,592	\$10,592	
Transcription Services (Expense)		\$1,710	\$1,710	
Total	0	\$594,968	\$594,968	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

Section 3 of this bill requires the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to provide certain administrative support to the Commission on Racial Equity and Social Justice and be prepared to provide support not later than August 1, 2025.

A minimum of four meetings are required by the proposed legislation. For this estimate NSHE assumes meetings will rotate between Northern and Southern Nevada appointed with three of the Commissioners appointed by NSHE Presidents traveling to and from Reno or Las Vegas for each meeting, along with one contracted staff member. Flights are approximately \$450 round trip plus tax, per diem is \$86 per day (GSA rate), and lodging ranges between \$126-159 plus tax (GSA rate) = \$662 per person per day. \$662 X 4 people traveling per meeting = \$2,648 per meeting. \$2,648 x 4 meetings = \$10,592. Should more meetings be added to the schedule then \$2,648 would be added for each subsequent meeting. Potential pay for Commission members cannot be determined at this time, as Section 1 Subsection 5 allows the Board of Regents to establish compensation for Commission members.

Given the broad nature of the Commission's charge, it may be necessary to commission a study to accomplish the objective of the proposed legislation and make the required recommendations to the 84th Session of the Nevada Legislature relating to certain matters of racial discrimination in this State. We have estimated the cost to commission such a study at \$1M split equally between fiscal years, \$500,000 in FY26 and \$500,000 in FY27. For comparison, AB493 (Chapter 311, Statutes of Nevada 2023) appropriated \$2M to NSHE for a funding formula study and in 2024 the State of Colorado commissioned a study for Black Coloradan racial equity with a \$785,000 budget. In addition, estimated contracted project management/commission support staff costs, along with the costs of transcription services are included.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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