

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE NEVADA IMMIGRATION VERIFICATION PETITION

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OVERVIEW

The Nevada Immigration Verification Petition (Initiative) proposes several changes to the *Nevada Revised Statutes* concerning aliens in Nevada who do not have the legal authority to remain in the United States and certain related issues. The changes to existing law include the creation of criminal penalties related to the failure to complete or carry an alien registration document; stopping to hire and pick up passengers for work at a different location under certain circumstances; attempting to or actually transporting, moving, harboring, or shielding an alien; and intentionally engaging in the smuggling of human beings for profit or commercial purposes. The Initiative creates civil and criminal penalties for knowingly hiring persons who do not have the legal authority to work in the United States and requires state and local law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration laws.

The provisions of the Initiative additionally require proper identification in order to vote in a primary or general election in this state and also specify forms of documentation that must be presented in order to apply for certain federal, state, or local public benefits. The Initiative creates a legislative committee to study laws and regulations related to employer sanctions in the state and creates a joint advisory committee to study issues related to illegal immigration in the state.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE

Administration and enforcement of the various provisions of the Initiative may require one-time and ongoing costs to be incurred by numerous state government agencies, including, but not limited to, the Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Secretary of State, Department of Administration, Department of Business and Industry, Department of Corrections, Department of Education, Gaming Control Board, Department of Health and Human Services, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Department of Public Safety, and Nevada System of Higher Education. Administration and enforcement of these provisions of the Initiative may also require one-time and ongoing costs to be incurred by local government agencies, including counties, cities, and school districts. However, the Fiscal Analysis Division cannot determine the amount of additional resources that may be required by each state or local government agency that may be affected by the provisions of the Initiative. Thus, the resultant financial impact upon state or local governments cannot be determined with any reasonable degree of certainty.

The provisions of the Initiative requiring that persons applying for certain federal, state, or local public benefits submit at least one document demonstrating that person's lawful presence in the United States may affect the eligibility of persons for the programs to which the provisions of the Initiative apply and, therefore, may decrease the number of persons who receive these federal, state, or local benefits. The Fiscal Analysis Division cannot determine the number of persons who may be affected by these provisions, were the Initiative to become effective, nor can it determine the effect on these program expenditures that may occur. Thus, the resultant impact upon state or local governments cannot be determined with any reasonable degree of certainty.

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