

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE WILD HORSE & BURRO INITIATIVE

The Wild Horse & Burro Initiative (Initiative) proposes to amend the *Nevada Revised Statutes* to include wild horses and burros, as defined in the Initiative, within the current statutory definition of “wildlife” and would designate wild horses and burros as a protected classification of wildlife. The Initiative also would amend the definition of “livestock” to exclude wild horses and burros.

The Initiative also requires that one member of the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners be actively engaged in and possess experience and expertise in wild horses and burros, and further specifies that organizations and entities in charge of the care of animals are subject to all provisions relating to animal cruelty contained within Chapter 574 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes*.

The Fiscal Analysis Division is working with potentially affected agencies to obtain information that will allow for the completion of the statement of the financial impact of the Initiative and is unable to complete the financial impact statement within the ten business days prescribed pursuant to NRS 295.015. A fiscal note that includes an explanation of any financial impact will be provided to the Secretary of State when completed for posting on their Internet website, pursuant to NRS 295.015.

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