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**Washoe County Board of Commissioners** during  
the meeting held on February 13, 2018.  
by Manager's Office  
for Agenda Item No. 13  
and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(8).



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *February 13, 2018*

**DATE:** January 10, 2018  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
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**THROUGH:** John Slaughter, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Washoe County Code by expanding the recorders fee by an additional \$3 for a total of \$6 to go towards legal services for abused and neglected children, effective April 1, 2018 and all other matters properly relating thereto; and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on February 27, 2018. (All Commission Districts).

### SUMMARY

The 79<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature passed Senate Bill 305 (SB 305), which requires 100% representation of abused and neglected children and allows for a board of county commissioners to apply an additional fee of not more than \$6, to represent children who are victims of abuse or neglect. The increase in the recording fee from \$3 to \$6 was included to ensure that the requirement for legal representation would not be an unfunded mandate to counties; it was noted during the legislative hearings that the \$6 recording fee would not be sufficient to cover 100% of costs associated with the assignment of legal representation to 100% of abused and neglected children in Washoe County.

**Department Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Safe, secure and healthy communities.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On January 9, 2018, the board approved the Washoe County District Attorney's request to bring forth ordinances which were made necessary by new or amended laws from the 79<sup>th</sup> Nevada Legislature without utilizing the process set forth in WCC 2.030 through 2.060.

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**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board of County Commissioners agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be:

*Move to introduce on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners a first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Washoe County Code by increasing the recorders fee by an additional \$3 for a total of \$6 to go towards legal services for abused and neglected children, effective April 1, 2018 and all other matters properly relating thereto; and, if supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on February 27, 2018.*