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LB 256

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised due to adoption of amendments on Select File

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS		See Below		See Below
CASH FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 256 as originally introduced amends Nebraska Statute Section 2-1201, dealing with the terms of the State Racing Commission members.

Essentially what the bill is does is swap the terms of the members appointed from the First Congressional District and the Third Congressional District.

The bill would have the member representing the First District appointed on or after April 1, 2011 and the member representing the Third District appointed on or after April 1, 2012. Under current statute the appointments are reversed.

This portion of LB 256 has no fiscal impact.

LB 256, as amended by AM 1195, now incorporates the primary provisions of LB 299 and amends Nebraska Revised Statute Sections 2-2105, 2-1226, and 2-1228, dealing with horseracing, to allow an existing licensed racetrack to contract with another licensed racetrack to conduct all but one day of its live race meetings on its behalf, with one exception: a licensed racetrack located in a county containing a city of the primary class may contract with another licensed racetrack to conduct all of its live race meetings.

Over the upcoming biennium there is the potential for a very slight loss of General Fund revenue dependent on how tracks would contract with one another to conduct live racing. For example, if Lincoln Race Course were to contract with Horseman's Park in Omaha the fiscal impact would likely be neutral. If Lincoln were to contract with Fonner Park in Grand Island, home to the State Fair, because of the provisions of Section 2-1208.01, there could be a slight decrease in revenue from the tax levied on the gross sum wagered. This would be dependent on the number of days of racing contracted for and the increase and decrease of the handle at the respective tracks.

However, the Department of Revenue believes, assuming that Lincoln's State Fair Park will lose its race facility in FY 2013-14, and contracts with another facility, the bill will replace lost parimutuel revenue. The Department believes LB 299 will increase revenue by \$50,000 starting in FY2013-14.

The State Racing Commission indicates that if the number of live racing days remains the same, the fiscal impact will be a possible increase in employee's expenses for travel and lodging. For example, if Lincoln Race Course in Lincoln contracts with Fonner Park in Grand Island, the Commission would have to pay for expenses for employees who are based in Lincoln to travel and/or stay in Grand Island.