

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated to reflect amendments adopted through May 9, 2011.

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

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

The original sections of LB669 are struck, and LB451, LB339, LB349, and LB476, are amended into this bill.

Provisions of LB451 amended into LB669 include

- allowing the Supreme Court to use non-General Funds for interpreter services,
- allowing a county or district court to process the workload of the other court,
- appointing judicial hearing officers for juvenile cases,
- allowing a court to enter a decree of dissolution of a marriage without a hearing upon certain conditions being met, and
- outright repeal statute section 24-512 which provided for divisions of a county court to be at a location other than the county seat and required certain cases to be filed with the county court clerk in the county seat.

The Legislative Fiscal Office analyst (LFO) has been in contact with the Supreme Court regarding this amended bill. A provision of the amended bill states that a court may enter a decree of dissolution of a marriage without a hearing upon certain conditions being met. The Supreme Court states that this provision may reduce the number of hearings needed and judicial workload, however, any impact is not estimated to be significant.

Several sections of the amended bill authorize the Supreme Court to take certain actions such as use non-General Funds for interpreter services, allow a county or district court to process the workload of the other court, and appoint judicial hearing officers. LFO understands that these provisions do not create a fiscal impact to the Supreme Court. However, depending upon which options were implemented, expenditures from General and non-General fund sources could increase or decrease. The Supreme Court states it is not possible to estimate the fiscal impact at this time.

Provisions of LB339 would be amended into this bill. LB339 would change Nebraska Juvenile Code predisposition evaluation procedures. There does not appear to be a fiscal impact to the state or political subdivisions from this amendment.

Provisions of LB349 would be amended into this bill. LB 349 would alter the timeline for demands for trial by jury. There does not appear to be a fiscal impact to the state or political subdivisions from the provisions of this bill.

Provisions of LB476 would be amended into this bill and this provision of the amendment has the emergency clause. LB476 would change civil procedure service, return of summons provisions, and would require the State Court Administrator to maintain a list of designated delivery services on the Supreme Court website. LFO understands that the fiscal impact to the Supreme Court of maintaining a list on the judicial branch web site of designated delivery services would be very minimal.