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LB 494

Revision: 01

Updated for the 2014 Session.

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	5,259		4,459	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	5,259		4,459	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 494 increases the number of members on the Game and Parks Commission from the current 9 members to 10 members.

There will be per diem and travel costs associated with the new member attending scheduled meetings as well as occasional visits to agency facilities. The Game and Parks Commission's attached fiscal note indicates that the Commission regularly meets 6 times per year with an average of 3 days per meeting (1 day of travel to the meeting, the day of the meeting, and 1 day of travel home). When occasional additional meetings and facility visits are factored in the agency estimates the total meeting costs related to the new member will be \$4,009 annually. On top of this they add the one-time cost of \$800 to purchase an iPad and \$450/year for phone service to allow e-mail communication and presentation of Commission action documents. After reviewing the assumptions made by the agency on their attached fiscal note, their estimate appears reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 494	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Cindy Miserez		DATE: 01/30/2014	PHONE: 402-471-4174
COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission's statement of fiscal impact for LB494.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 494 FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (Agency 33)

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2014-15</u>		<u>FY 2015-16</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
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Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would increase the number of Commissioners for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from 9 to 10. A 9th Commission District would be added, transferring some counties currently in Districts 6 and 7 to the new District. The addition of a 10th Commissioner would also increase the number of Commissioners needed to constitute a majority from 4 to 6.

Members of the Game and Parks Commission are reimbursed for all actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and are allowed a per diem of thirty five dollars for days actually away from home on business of the Commission, not to exceed forty-five days in any one year (45 x \$35 = \$1,575).

There are six regularly scheduled meeting throughout the year, with an average of 3 days associated with each. A minimum per diem expense of \$630 (18x\$35) would be expected. Travel expenses for each meeting averages approximately \$468 (Lodging 2@\$83 (\$166) + meals 3@\$41/day (\$123) + mileage 320@\$0.560 (\$179)) so for the 6 meetings a cost of \$2,809 would be estimated. There are also sporadic committee meetings throughout the year that Commissioners get involved with as well as some site visits, which could account for an additional \$570 annually (\$140/per diem; \$430 travel). Each Commissioner is also equipped with an iPad (\$800) with phone service (\$450/yr) to allow for email communication as well as electronic presentation of commission action documents. A minimum expense for a new Commissioner is expected to be approximately \$4,459 annually plus onetime equipment. Commission Expenses utilize General Funds.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
	<u>14-15</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Commissioner	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>770 per diem</u>	<u>770 per diem</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			<u>450</u>	<u>450</u>
Travel.....			<u>3,239</u>	<u>3,239</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u>800</u>	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>5,259</u>	<u>4,459</u>