

Revised to include a recent response from NEMA.

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	900,000 to 2,500,000		600,000 to 1,500,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	900,000 to 2,500,000		600,000 to 1,500,000	

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

LB 163 requires the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide or contract for an emergency management registry. A secure web-site will be used to collect information from individuals to be used in emergency situations and planning. Information collected can include physical descriptions, medical conditions and allergies, household information, primary language, and emergency contacts. At least twice a year each individual will be requested to update their information. The public provided information will automatically display to persons authorized to answer 911 emergency calls. The registry will also allow law enforcement personnel to search for emergency contacts in the event of a motor vehicle accident or other emergency.

The bill expresses legislative intent to appropriate \$900,000 of General Funds in FY2015-16, and \$600,000 of General Funds in FY2016-17, to fund the emergency management registry.

However, a recent fiscal note received from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency projects costs of \$2,500,000 in FY2015-16 and \$1,500,000 in FY2016-17. They indicate that the total cost for the development, maintenance and long-term management of a system of this complexity is believed to be much greater than that expressed by the legislative intent.

Based on this recent fiscal note from NEMA the cost of LB 163 could range from the amount expressed in the legislative intent to that estimated by NEMA.

# 2015 Legislative Bill Proposal Fiscal Note

**Bill Proposal #: LB163**

**State Agency: Military Department - Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)**

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## Estimate of Fiscal Impact – State Agencies

	FY 2014 - 2015		FY 2015 - 2016		FY 2016 -2017	
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue
General Funds	-0-	-0-	\$2,500,000.00	-0-	\$1,500,000.00	-0-
Cash Funds	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Federal Funds	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Funds	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>Total Funds</b>	-0-	-0-	\$2,500,000.00	-0-	\$1,500,000.00	-0-

**Explanation of Estimate:**

Due to the variables within and various interpretations regarding the intent of this proposed legislation, the following assumptions have been made in order to provide input:

1. That proposed appropriations levels are based on projections provided by a potential vendor/contractor with the ability to create, host, manage, maintain and secure a similar system;
2. That potential recurring annual fees once the proposed system is in place are not included in the proposed appropriation;
3. That the proposed appropriation includes adequate funding for training and software maintenance for a limited period of time;
4. That additional funds would be appropriated annually beyond FY2016-2017 for maintenance and management of the software, as well as a hosting fee;
5. That there would be a consensus of all interested parties listed in the bill, including the Nebraska State Patrol, Office of the Chief Information Officer as well as local law enforcement and fire department personnel regarding use of the system.

Based on the above assumptions, the following information and opinion is provided:

1. Estimates provided above reflect only potential costs for the initial development and implementation of the proposed system. Total cost for the development, maintenance and long-term management of a system of this complexity is believed to be much greater than proposed appropriations would allow.
2. Software maintenance is usually based on 25% of the actual cost of the software and paid annually.

3. This type of system would be most beneficial to first responders rather than to NEMA. NEMA is not a responder, but rather a coordinating agency. NEMA is only involved in significant emergencies, which might limit the usefulness/availability of the system to first responders if it is provided to/thru NEMA. NEMA involvement typically only comes into play once the resources of political subdivisions are exceeded (city, county, and state), which in most cases, would be much later in the emergency.
4. It is the opinion of NEMA, that either the Nebraska State Patrol, as a leading first response organization, or the Office of the Chief Information Officer, in the capacity of managing critical state communications systems, would be better suited to spearhead development of the system proposed in LB163.