

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$9,344	\$9,500		\$19,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$9,344	\$9,500		\$19,000

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

LB 474 provides for the issuance of Mountain Lion Conservation license plates. The plates may be either numerical or message plates. Applicants for numerical plates must pay an additional initial and renewal fee of \$5 which is deposited into a newly established Game and Parks Educational Fund to be used for youth education programs relating to wildlife conservation practices. Applicants for message plates pay an annual \$40 plate fee of which 75% is deposited in the Game and Parks Educational Fund and 25% accrues to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Cash Fund.

All applicants for plates also pay the regular per plate fee, which is capped at \$3.50 by current statute. If the manufacturing cost of the plates exceeds the amount charged as a regular plate fee, then the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged is credited to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) instead of the Game and Parks Educational Fund. The bill also has language providing for the plates to be designed to limit the manufacturing cost to equal to or less than the amount charged for the plates.

Expenditures: LB 474 increases expenditures of the DMV by \$9,344 of cash funds in FY2016-17 to modify the Vehicle Titling and Registration and plate management computer systems to accommodate the new mountain lion plates.

DMV estimates there may be about 1,000 sets of mountain lion plates sold based upon their experience with other specialty license plates. Using this estimate, it is assumed half of this number (500) will apply in the initial fiscal year, assuming the plates will only be issued for six months in FY2016-17. It is also assumed that 60% of the plates issued will be numerical and 40% will be personalized.

Assuming the manufacturing cost is equal to the price charged for a plate, then expenditures by the HTF and revenue received by the fund from plate charges will equal \$3,550 (\$7.00/set x 500 sets) in FY2016-17 and double this amount in FY18 when an estimated 1,000 plates are manufactured. If the manufacturing expense is higher than the amount charged for a regular plate, then the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged is credited to the HTF instead of the Game and Parks Educational Fund.

Revenues: Increased revenue from the \$5 annual fee for a mountain lion numerical plate and \$40 fee for a personalized plate will be deposited in the DMV Cash Fund and the Game and Parks Educational Fund. The estimated revenue assuming 500 sets of plates are applied for in FY2016-17 and 1,000 sets are applied for in FY2017-18 is as follows on the next page:

<u>TYPE OF PLATE</u>	Fee	Est. # of Sets	Revenue 2016-17	Revenue 2017-18
FY17				
Numerical Plate – G & P Educational CF	\$5.00	300	\$1,500	
Personalized Plate - DMV CF	\$10.00	200	\$2,000	
Personalized Plate – G & P Ed. CF	\$30.00	200	\$6,000	
FY18				
Numerical Plate - G & P Educational CF	\$5.00	600		\$3,000
Personalized Plate - DMV CF	\$10.00	400		\$4,000
Personalized Plate – G & P Ed. CF	\$30.00	400		\$12,000
Total Est. Revenue			\$9,500	\$19,000

The bill allows owners to apply to the county treasurer to transfer specialty plates from one owned vehicle to another. The application fee for the transfer is \$3. The fees are placed in the DMV Cash Fund. The number of transfers is unknown.

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2016-2017		FY 2017-2018	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$ 9,344	\$ 8,160		\$ 10,560
OTHER CASH FUNDS		\$ 25,500		\$ 33,000
PROG. 90 LIC. PLTS.	\$ 7,200		\$ 2,160	
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 16,544	\$ 33,660	\$ 2,160	\$ 43,560

Explanation of Estimate:

Program 70 Expenditures

LB 474 provides for the issuance of Mountain Lion Protection Plates. The plates will be available as either an alphanumeric or a message plate. The addition of the two new plate types will require modification to the existing VTR and Plate Management Computer systems. It is estimated that 115 hours of programming will be necessary to modify the systems to accommodate the new plate types.

				FY17
Computer Programming	115 hrs.	@	\$81.25/hr	\$ 9,344

Program 90 Expenditures

While it is difficult to estimate the number of Mountain Lion Protection Plates that would be sold, based upon past experience DMV estimates 1,000 sets would be sold. Currently the highest level of sales for any organizational plate is 1,350 sets.

	Plates	Cost	FY17	FY18
License Plate Production	2,000	\$3.60 ea.	\$ 7,200	
License Plate Production	600	\$3.60 ea.		\$ 2,160

Revenues

	Number of Sets	DMV Cash	Games & Parks Ed. Fund
FY17			
Numeric Sets	204	\$ -	\$ 1,020
Message Sets	816	\$ 8,160	\$ 24,480
FY18		FY16 Total	\$ 25,500
Numeric Sets	264	\$ -	\$ 1,320
Message Sets	1,056	\$ 10,560	\$ 31,680
		FY17 Total	\$ 33,000

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
	16-17	17-18	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits				
Operating			\$ 9,344	
Travel				
Capital Outlay				

Aid		
Plate Production	<u>\$ 7,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,160</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,544</u>	<u>\$ 2,160</u>

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LB⁽¹⁾ 474

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	363	_____	725
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would create a new fund (Game and Parks Commission Educational Fund) which would receive monies from the issuance of a proposed Mountain Lion Protection Plate. Two types of plates would be issued. Alphanumeric plates would provide five dollars to the new fund for each plate issued. Personalized plates would cost an additional forty dollars, of which thirty dollars per plate issued would go to the Educational Fund. Revenue amounts will depend upon the number of plates issued (# Alphanumeric x \$5, and # Personalized x \$30). These amounts could be reduced if production costs exceed the amount charged.

The 2013 annual report from Department of Motor Vehicles indicated that 70,413 message plates were issued in 2013 which appeared to represent about 3% of the total plates issued. Additionally, some 479 special interest plates were issued. It is unknown how much interest these new plates would generate, but assuming about one fourth the number that are interested in other special interest plates, 125 could be expected, of which 4 could be personalized (3% rate similar to overall). Revenue estimate would be \$725, with only half that amount in the first FY assuming only 6 months' worth of sales.

The Educational Fund is to be used to provide youth education programs relating to wildlife conservation practices. It is unclear whether the fund could receive gifts, grants, bequests or other donations, or is simply limited to the license plate receipts and interest earnings. Expenses for plate production would be bore by the DMV

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	=====	=====	=====	=====