

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	501,107		1,024,284	
CASH FUNDS	25,375		51,865	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	526,482		1,076,149	

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

This bill would increase the salary of the Supreme Court judges. This change would also increase the salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals, the District Court, the Separate Juvenile Court, the Workers Compensation Court, and the County Court as these salaries are a percent of the salary of the Supreme Court judges. Judges' salaries would increase by 2.00% on July 1, 2019 and by 2.00% on July 1, 2020.

This act becomes operative on July 1, 2019, and it has the emergency clause.

The amended bill will increase the salaries of the judges as follows:

COURT	No. of Judges	Salary			Percent to Supreme Court Judge's Salary	Percent Increase	
		Current Jan. 1, 2019	Proposed July 1, 2019	Proposed July 1, 2020			
Supreme	7	176,299	179,825	183,422	100.0%	2.00%	2.00%
Appeals	6	167,484	170,834	174,251	95.0%	2.00%	2.00%
District+Juvenile	67	163,077	166,338	169,665	92.5%	2.00%	2.00%
Workers' Comp	7	163,077	166,338	169,665	92.5%	2.00%	2.00%
County	58	158,669	161,843	165,080	90.0%	2.00%	2.00%

The impact of the salary increase by fund source is noted in the boxes at the top of this fiscal note.

The responses of the Supreme Court and the Workers' Compensation Court are attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 300	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court (005)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/06/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Supreme Court estimate of potential Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 300 varies only minimally from the estimates made by the Department of Administrative Services Budget Division.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 300 **AM:** AGENCY/POLT. SUB: **Nebraska Workers Compensation Court (037)**

REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox

DATE: 01/24/2019

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COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Revised Nebraska Workers Compensation Court estimate of Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 300. The fiscal impact figures did not change, only the narrative. On a technical note, the fiscal impacts of the Judges' salary changes in LB 300 are reflected in the individual Judge's salary programs within the Constitutional Officers Salary Bill - LB 296.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 300

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/5/19

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB300 increases judicial salaries by 2% each year of the next biennium as estimated below:

<u>Level of Court</u>	<u>FY19-20 PSL</u>	<u>FY19-20 Expenditures</u>	<u>FY20-21 PSL</u>	<u>FY20-21 Expenditures</u>
Supreme Court	24,682	27,253	49,858	55,658
Court of Appeals	20,098	22,287	40,598	45,539
Dist./Juv. Court	221,785	246,502	448,005	503,828
County Court	184,057	205,065	371,795	419,259

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB⁽¹⁾ 300

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Deb Bandiola Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/23/2019 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-6463

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	<u>25,375</u>		<u>51,865</u>	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>25,375</u>		<u>51,865</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

As provided in Section 48-159, "...each judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court shall receive an annual salary of ninety-two and one-half percent of the salary set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court..."

Therefore, if the Supreme Court judges receive an increase in salary, the Workers' Compensation Court judges also receive an increase. The benefits increase is for FICA and the Medicare Surcharge for the additional salary amount.

LB 300 provides for a 2% increase on July 1, 2019 and a 2% increase on July 1, 2020.

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	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Workers' Compensation Court Judge	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>22,831</u>	<u>46,118</u>
Benefits.....			<u>2,544</u>	<u>5,747</u>
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>25,375</u>	<u>51,865</u>