

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB1023 adopts the Lake Development Act and the Water Recreation Act.

The Lake Development Act sets language defining its purpose and grants the authority to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources the carry out the purpose of the act.

The Lake Development Act sets intent for preferences in awarding contracts for development and management and area of development and requires an annual report from the Department of Natural Resources. The Lake Development Act creates the Lake Development Fund within the Department of Natural Resources.

The Water Recreation Act defines its purpose and grants the authority to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to carry out the purpose of the act. The Water Recreation Act requires an annual report from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. The Water Recreation Enhancement Fund is created in the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Preliminary documents from the Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability Special Committee of the Legislature indicate costs as follows:

- Lake McConaughy, road improvements - \$6.8 million;
- Lake McConaughy, gateway entrance - \$1.1 million;
- Lake McConaughy, marina - \$34.3 million;
- Knox County, slip marina and site improvements - \$41.5 million;
- Knox County, Niobrara landing - \$2.8 million;
- Knox County, event center and lodge - \$42.4 million;
- Lower Platte River, flood mitigation - \$25 million;
- Lower Platte River, lake planning/permitting - \$20 million; and
- Lower Platte River, lake capital account - \$26.1 million.

This is a total estimate of \$200 million. We have no basis to dispute these estimates. However, the timing of costs are currently unknown. All language in LB1023 is permissive and intent. No fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1023	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/31/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's estimate of indeterminable impact to the agency as a result of LB 1023. Concur with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission that additional staffing would be needed but fall outside the scope of this fiscal note.			

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

LB: 1023 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Natural Resources

REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver DATE: 2/7/2022 PHONE: (402) 471-4173

COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Natural Resources' estimate of indeterminable fiscal impact at this time to the agency as a result of LB 1023. The bill states a transfer of "XX million dollars" and at this time it is unknown how much will be transferred.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1023 Lake Development and Water Recreation Enhancement Acts

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Patrick H. Cole Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/21/2022 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-5523

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
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FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would create the Lake Development Act and the Water Recreation Enhancement Act. Sections 1-6 pertain to the Lake Development Act and charged the Department of Natural Resources to partner with private parties to develop a 3,600 acre lake in or near Sarpy county between Lincoln and Omaha. The Lake Development Fund is created to support this effort with no specific dollar amount to be transferred to the fund. Since one of the main purposes of the lake is recreation, it is presumed that Game and Parks could play some role (e.g. fish management) after development, but nothing specific is identified. As such this note will not address specific fiscal impacts of this portion, suffice to say the fiscal impact will correspond to the expected level of Game and Parks involvement.

Sections 7-11 pertain to the Water Recreation Enhancement Act. The Act would create the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund and charge the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to develop partnerships to help carryout the purposes of the act. Three main purposes of the act are identified including 1&2) Marina construction projects to expand water access and recreational opportunities at Lake McConaughy and Lewis and Clark State Recreation Areas. The third purpose is the development of an event center and lodge at Niobrara State Park. The fund created to support this effort is to receive an unspecified transfer of funds from the Treasurer as well as donations, gifts and contributions.

The fiscal impact will be dependent upon the final scope of the projects and available funding within the dedicated fund. While some initial designs and costs have been developed nothing is final at this juncture. It is noted that while construction, development costs seem to be addressed in the proposed legislation, no mention of ongoing operational costs is addressed. Since the three projects would expand current operations at each of the areas, it can be anticipated that additional staffing (PSL) would be necessary as well as operational costs (utilities, supplies, materials etc) but they would likely occur outside the reporting scope of this note.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

Capital improvements.....

TOTAL.....

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Dept. of Natural Resources

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Ron Theis Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ Jan. 14, 2022 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402 471 0577

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
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TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Any fiscal impact to the agency as a result of the bill alone may not be determined. The bill creates a permissive structure for creation of an intended lake project between Lincoln and Omaha in Sarpy County. The Lake Development Fund is created, and the bill states an intent to transfer an unspecified amount of funds to be administered by the Department for the bill’s purposes. A report to Governor and Legislature on annual expenditures is required by Nov. 1st each year. A project manager would be needed to oversee the construction of this reservoir.

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TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____