

Revised to reflect AM698 & AM1377

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$382,000		\$25,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$382,000		\$25,000	

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

LB254 AM698 amends several sections to require the Legislative Council, through the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, to develop & maintain a publicly accessible, digital internet archive of closed-captioned video coverage of the Legislature, including floor debate & public committee hearings indexed by legislative bill or resolution number or by date, beginning with the coverage of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, in January 2025 or as soon as live, closed-captioned video coverage of the Legislature is available for use, whichever is sooner.

Applicable historical video coverage of the Legislature will be collected & added to the digital archive as available. Applicable historical video coverage will only consist of video coverage of the Legislature captured by the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC) & closed-captioned prior to January 1, 2025.

The digital archive is solely intended for educational & informational purposes & to enhance access for the public, in keeping with the Legislature’s commitment to transparency in state government.

Audio & video recordings of the proceedings of the Legislature or of a committee or division of the Legislature are not official records of those proceedings & will not be admissible in any proceeding as evidence of legislative history, action, or intent.

The Executive Board of the Legislative Council will develop policies & procedures surrounding the creation & ongoing usage of the publicly accessible, indexed, digital Internet archive of closed-captioned video coverage of the Legislature. These policies will include, but are not be limited to:

- The usage of archived video recordings for purposes other than legislative purposes
- A determination regarding which committee hearings & committee briefings will be recorded & added to the digital archive
- Parameters surrounding long-term storage of archived video recordings
- Management of costs in relation to supporting public accessibility of archived video recordings

The records of floor debate & committee hearings as prepared & permanently maintained by the Clerk of the Legislature are the official records of the Legislature.

Any government website offering access to audio & video recordings of the proceedings of the Legislature or of a committee or division of the Legislature will require notification to any website user, using appropriate technology, those recordings will not be used, reproduced, or redistributed without express permission by the Legislative Council & in accordance with the policies developed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

AM698 also adds the emergency clause.

AM1377 amends provisions related to tax incentive performance audits to remove requirements related to audits of the Nebraska Advantage Act, the Nebraska Job Creation, & Mainstreet Revitalization Act. The bill also clarifies definitions of “high-tech firm” & “renewable energy firm” by the six-digit code designations under the North American Industry Classification System as assigned by the Department of Labor for purposes tax incentive performance audits.

EXPENDITURES:

For FY2023-24, the Legislative Council estimates that \$125,000 in capital outlay is needed to update the existing infrastructure for the Legislature's public website & private UniNet site to ensure seamless services & connectivity. New video editing software will also need to be purchased to upload the videos to the Legislature's websites.

The FTE listed on the Legislative Council's fiscal note for both FY2023-24 & FY2024-25 has been included in the Appropriations Committee's preliminary budget recommendation & is no longer being included in LB254.

The NETC will have capital outlay expenses of \$257,000 in FY2023-24 to add eight additional on-prem closed captioning encoders & A.I. assisted captioning services to accommodate all floor debate & committee hearings. NETC will also need to upgrade the current on-prem transcoding system to capture floor debates & committee hearings in a mutually agreed upon format with companion closed captioning. The estimated ongoing maintenance costs on the new equipment is \$25,000 & will begin in FY2024-25.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	254	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Legislature
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	3-20-2023 PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Legislature's assessment of fiscal impact.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	254	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: NE Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC)
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	3-16-2023 PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with NETC's assessment of fiscal impact.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 254 AM698

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 03 Legislature

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>253,907</u>	<u> </u>	<u>137,466</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>253,907</u>	<u> </u>	<u>137,466</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

Under LB 254, implementation and management of the Legislature’s video database will be required of the Clerk’s Office, with technical support provided by the Legislative Technology Center.

This revised Fiscal Note reflects the possibility of providing the service earlier than FY24-25 as originally planned. All of the associated costs to implement and manage this video database are being moved to FY23-24 to correspond with the possible change of the implementation date.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
DP Application Analyst	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>73,849</u>	<u>81,418</u>
Benefits.....			<u>37,738</u>	<u>38,728</u>
Operating.....			<u>17,320</u>	<u>17,320</u>
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			<u>125,000</u>	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>253,907</u>	<u>137,466</u>

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LB⁽¹⁾ 254 AM698

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC, Agency 047)

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Randy Hansen Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ Revised March 16, 2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-470-6372

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>\$257,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$257,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u> </u>

Funding Source Note: Or federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding to the extent available.

Explanation of Estimate:

To provide live, closed captioned video coverage of the Legislature, including all floor debate and public committee hearings, beginning with coverage of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, in January 2025 or as soon as the NETC has closed captioning capabilities, whichever is sooner.

The NETC will acquire 8 additional on-prem closed captioning encoders and AI assisted captioning services to accommodate concurrent all floor debate and committee hearings. There will be no closed captioning cleanup for VOD files post live broadcast/streaming events.

The NETC will upgrade the on-prem transcoding system to provide captured floor debate and committee hearings in MP4 (or with mutually agreed file) format with companion closed captioning files to the Legislature Clerk’s office to accommodate timely delivery.

Total new annual operating costs related to this solution are estimated to be \$58,500 starting in FY2025. The NETC anticipates that we should be able to cover around \$33,500 of these costs with existing appropriations within the Closed Captioning line item of our current budget. Thus we are requesting an additional \$25,000 of funding to cover the remaining balance of these new ongoing costs.

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Personal Services:

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Benefits.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
Travel.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital outlay.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$257,000</u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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TOTAL.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$257,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>