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LB 867

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				\$2,500
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				\$2,500

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

LB 867 establishes a voluntary database of hunting guides, fishing guides, and outfitters to be created and maintained by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC). Placement on the database would be for a three-year period, after meeting specific requirements and paying a fee.

Expenditures:

As the NGPC anticipates the use of current staff working additional hours to create the database, adopt rules, regulations, and establish guidelines, these costs would be modest enough to be absorbed within the agency’s existing appropriation.

Revenues:

NGPC estimates 50 applications of hunting guides, fishing guides, and outfitters to be approved the first operable year of the database paying a \$50 fee each. This equates to an estimated \$2,500 in Cash Fund revenue for FY25-26. NGPC is anticipating 50 approved applicants each year of the three-year listing period. This would equate to \$7,500 in Cash Fund revenue from FY25-28.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 867	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Game and Parks Commission	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Game and Parks Commission’s estimated fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 867.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 867 – Voluntary Fishing & Hunter Guide/Outfitter Database

FISCAL NOTE

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	2,500.00
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill provides for the Game and Parks Commission to create and maintain a database of registered hunting and fishing guides and outfitters, charging a fee for placement on the database. Businesses must meet specified requirements to be included on the list for a period of 3 years.

The Secretary of State website shows 113 active businesses with “outfitters” in the title. Some of these are not hunting/fishing outfitters (rather, are related to water sports – kayak, canoe, etc.). Assuming a total of 150 interested outfitter / guide entities apply, and meet the business requirements, and using a \$50 registration fee that covers the 3 year period, this would generate \$7,500.00. It is expected this would be realized over the 3 year period and not all in year 1.

It is estimated that the database would first be available in the 2025-26 FY, giving time to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to establish the guidelines for the program and make the necessary changes to the Agency website.

NGPC believes current staff could perform the needed tasks at minimal additional cost.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2025-26 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	=====	=====	=====	=====