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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$43,090 to \$47,590		\$43,090	
CASH FUNDS		See Below		See Below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$43,090 to \$47,590	See Below	\$43,090	See Below

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 580 creates the Energy Auditor Advisory Board.

Section 3 provides duties for the board, including:

- Establishing a public forum through which the energy efficiency industry has the opportunity to discuss with the board its policies and procedures;
- Keeping minutes of meetings and other books and records;
- Serving as an advisory panel to the State Energy Office in all matters related to energy auditing;
- Developing a web site to be housed in the Energy Office to list energy auditors operating in the state and their certifications. Under this sub-section, the Board may establish reasonable fees and charge energy auditors who appear on the web site.
- Applying for and accepting grants to carry out sections 1 to 4 of the Act; and
- Adopting and promulgating rules and regulations to carry out sections 1 to 4 of the Act.

Section 4 creates the Energy Auditor Advisory Board Fund.

The Energy Office is unable to determine the amount of revenue that will be generated by the bill's provisions. The revenue will be determined by the number of energy auditors listed on the web site and whatever fee amount that is determined to be reasonable.

The Energy Office estimates fiscal impact in three areas:

1. Additional Staffing \$39,590 per year
2. Web site development and housing \$500 per year with \$5,000 one-time start-up costs
3. Reimbursement of board members \$3,000 per year

There is no basis to disagree with these estimates.

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NEBRASKA ENERGY OFFICE – I have no basis to disagree with statements.			

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Estimate Provided By State Agency or Political Subdivision

	FY 2011-2012		FY 2012-2013	
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue
General Funds	\$43089.93/\$47589.93	0	\$43089.93	
Cash Funds				
Federal Funds				
Other Funds				
Total Funds	\$43089.93/\$47589.93	0	\$43089.93	0

Explanation of Estimate:

The fiscal impact of this bill is based on three areas: the housing of a web site listing energy auditors, administrative duties for the Energy Auditor Advisory Board and reimbursement for board members.

If one page of the Nebraska Energy Office (NEO) current website could be used for the purpose of listing energy auditors, the estimated fiscal impact would be minimal and would include time for the Artist Chief to design the page, and the Public Information Officer to review and approve the page.; approximately \$500 If a separate website were developed, the cost would include registration of domain name and work hours for a complete design of website by the Chief Artist, as well as review by the Public Information Officer.; approximately \$5000. The \$5000 would be a onetime expense, but continued maintenance on the website would still run approximately \$500 a year.

This bill assigns the Nebraska Energy Office to provide administrative support for this board. These duties could include, but are not limited to:

- Act as a Liaison between the Director of the Nebraska Energy Office and the board,
- Publish public meeting notices,
- Keep minutes of meetings on file and publish accordingly,
- Maintain other books and records as necessary,
- Check certifications of energy auditors wishing to be listed on website,
- Ensure listed auditors certifications are up to date,
- Grant application work including research, development and submission of grants,
- Assist with the drafting of rules and regulations for the board,
- Collect fees and remit to the State Treasurer,
- Provide accounting services for such fees, and
- Notify board members of meetings and other business.

The NEO estimates the need for one Administrative Assistant II at half-time FTE to address the increased workload issues associated with staffing the board. Current staff positions of Public Information Officer II (PIO II), Weatherization/State Energy Program Division Chief (WX/SEP Chief) and the State Energy Program Administrator (SEP Admin.) would fulfill research, development and application of grant duties as previously mentioned. The breakdown for these four positions is:

Position	Hrs	Rate	Total	Benefits	Total \$
SEP Admin.	233.44	17.14	4,000	1,582.06	5,582.06
WX/SEP Chief	160.40	24.94	4,000	300.48	4,300.48
PIO II	138.53	28.88	4,000	734.87	4,734.87
Admin. Assistant II	1,040	16.01	16,653.52	8,319*	24,972.52

*1/2 of family coverage for health insurance, Social Security and Tax.

Members of the advisory board are eligible for reimbursement of their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The NEO has estimated expenditures related to the advisory board may average \$300 per board member per meeting include mileage, lodging and meals.

No funds are authorized within this bill for NEO to perform these activities. The NEO does not have sufficient Cash Funds and does not receive General Funds.

Major Objects of Expenditure

	Number of Positions	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013

Position Title	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013	Expenditures	Expenditures
Admin. Assistant II	1	1	\$16,653.52	\$16,653.52
Various-See Above	3	3	\$12,000	\$12,000
		Benefits	\$10,936.41	\$10,936.41
		Operating		
		Travel		
		Capital outlay		
		Aid		
		Capital improvements		
		Total	\$39,589.93	\$39,589.93