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**LB 573**

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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2011-12</b>		<b>FY 2012-13</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 573 would allow a storm spotter to display a rotating or flashing amber light on their vehicle under the conditions outlined in the bill. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is required to develop training, identification, and credentialing standards for storm spotters.

NEMA has indicated that the provisions of LB 573 will not have a fiscal impact at the state level because they have already undertaken a program to develop, establish and integrate these standards into the state/local program for emergency management.

At the local level, there may be additional costs if local emergency management agencies decide to equip the vehicles of storm spotters with flashing lights. The display of these lights is not mandated so their provision and resulting cost will be up to the local agency. NEMA has indicated that these equipment costs may qualify for federal funding and in their fiscal note show federal aid expenditures of \$82,000 passing through their agency to the local level. There is a matching requirement on these federal funds that would be the responsibility of the local emergency management agency should they chose to access them.

A fiscal note response from Lancaster County shows that LB 573 will not have a fiscal impact to them since they presently follow guidelines established by the National Weather Service for storm spotters.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

REVIEWED BY	Joe Wilcox	DATE 2/1/11	PHONE 471-2526
COMMENTS			
LANCASTER COUNTY: No basis to dispute Lancaster County analysis on LB 573. NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY: No basis to dispute agency analysis for NEMA.			

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LB<sup>(1)</sup> 573 FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Lancaster County

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Doug Ahlberg Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1-31-11 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 441-7441

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2011-2012</u>		<u>FY 2012-2013</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	0.00		0.00	

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation of Estimate:**

I do not think this particular bill will affect Lancaster County in any way. We presently do what the bill is addressing as it pertains to the placement of storm spotters in Lancaster County. I would assume that NEMA would follow the guidelines established by the National Weather Service in the training format we follow in Lancaster County. I am willing to testify before the sub-committee hearing.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2011-2012 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2012-2013 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>11-12</u>	<u>12-13</u>		
None				
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 573 FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Al Berndt Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 25 January 2011 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 471-7410

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2011-2012</u>		<u>FY 2012-2013</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	0.00	_____	0.00	_____
CASH FUNDS	0.00	_____	0.00	_____
			\$82,000.0	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$82,000.00	_____	0	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
			\$82,000.0	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$82,000.00</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>_____</u>

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**Explanation of Estimate:**

Alert and warning of citizens is the responsibility of local government. Estimated costs for warning lights would be handled at the local level. Dependant of grant guidelines and available funding, 50% of those costs for emergency warning devices could be an eligible expense under the Federal EMPG program administered by NEMA. A local emergency management agency wanting to provide warning lights would be responsible for meeting the required match requirements for the grant.

NEMA currently has a state/local training and exercising program encompassing the aspects of the Federal National Incident Management System (NIMS). The NIMS program covers integrating training, identification and credentialing standards for emergency management workers into state and local programs. NEMA has undertaken a state level program to develop, establish and integrate these standards into the state/local program for emergency management. At the state level, there would be no additional costs, either state or Federal funds, as NEMA is currently operating under the established agency budget to build out this program. Any additional costs to be borne at the local level for equipment purchases for identification systems would be an eligible expense under current and future emergency management and homeland security grant funds. Projected costs would cover the purchase of needed equipment through Department of Homeland Security grant funds to support local needs for identification.

There would be no Personal Services needed for the program; handled by current agency staff and support from the National Weather Service who provides the weather spotter training across the state.

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**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
	<u>11-12</u>	<u>12-13</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00

Capital improvements.....  
TOTAL.....

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\$82,000.00

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