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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

**ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES \***

	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

County clerks currently charge a fee of \$15 for the entire proceedings of issuing a marriage license, administering the related oaths or affirmations, and recording a marriage certificate. They also collect an additional fee of \$5 for each certified copy of a marriage record on file in the clerk's office. These fees are deposited into the **county general fund**. LB 1000 would increase these fees to \$30 and \$7, respectively.

Fiscal note requests were sent to a sample of counties that included Lancaster, Sarpy and Scotts Bluff. Their responses, and the estimated increase in fee revenue, are summarized as follows.

Lancaster County - \$38,265 of additional revenue annually  
 Sarpy County- \$20,277 of additional revenue annually.  
 Scotts Bluff County- \$+6,500 of additional revenue annually.

In terms of the revenue impact at a statewide level, the Nebraska Association of County Officials has estimated increased revenue for all counties of \$188,715 annually for the \$15 fee increase for issuing licenses, but does not include any additional revenue from the \$2 increase in the certified copy fee in their estimate. If it is assumed that at least one certified copy will be requested for each license issued the annual increase in statewide revenue will be \$213,877.

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<b>COMMENTS</b>					
LANCASTER COUNTY – No basis to dispute analysis.					
SARPY COUNTY – No basis to dispute analysis.					
SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY – No basis to dispute analysis.					
NACO – The increased revenues are directed to the respective county General Funds. The NACO fiscal note indicates the revenue estimates for FY 2013 and FY 2014 are based on the increased fee times the 2011 number of marriage licenses issued. In fact, mathematically the \$188,715 in the note reflects the increase in the fee of \$15 times the 2010 number of marriage licenses issued. Using the 2011 number, the revenue would be \$191,550 each year for FY 2013 and FY 2014.					

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Lancaster County

Prepared by: (3) Cori Beattie, Deputy County Clerk Date Prepared: (4) 1/19/12 Phone: (5) 402-441-7484

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS		\$38,265		\$38,265
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

Explanation of Estimate:

On average, Lancaster County issues 2,155 marriage licenses and 2,970 certified copies a year. The proposed fee increase would generate an additional \$38,265 in revenue annually based on those figures.

It may also be good to equalize the marriage record certified copy fee charged by counties to that charged by the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-612(1)) as the public oftentimes questions the difference.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013	2013-2014
	12-13	13-14	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Sarpy County Clerk

Prepared by: (3) Fred Uhe Date Prepared: (4) Jan 25, 2012 Phone: (5) (402) 593-2106

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS		\$20,277		\$20,277
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		\$20,777		\$20,277

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Explanation of Estimate:

This estimate is based on the average number of marriage licenses and certified copies issued over the last 3 years. We have experienced a slight decrease in the number of marriage licenses issued and an increase in the number of certified copies issued during this time period.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
	12-13	13-14		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Scotts Bluff County

Prepared by: (3) Jerry Crable Date Prepared: (4) January 20, 2012 Phone: (5) 308-436-6726

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	+ \$6,500	_____	+ \$6,500
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Explanation of Estimate:

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Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
	12-13	13-14		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)

Prepared by: Elaine Menzel <sup>(3)</sup>

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS		188,715		188,715
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		188,715		188,715

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Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1000 is expected to increase the fees for marriage license fees to county clerks. The funds are then distributed in the county General Fund. In 2010, there were 12,581 marriage licenses issued in Nebraska and in 2011, there were 12,770 marriage licenses issued in the State based upon information from the Department of Health and Human Services. The above estimate assumes that the 2011 number of marriage licenses issued in FY 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 will be the same. While there is also an increase for copies, the number of copies issued by counties is unknown at this time.

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	12-13	13-14	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
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TOTAL.....				