

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2013-14</b>		<b>FY 2014-15</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		See below		See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		See below		See below

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

LB 544 would establish a notification process in instances of bovine trichomoniasis infections. Owners and managers of infected cattle would be required, within 14 days after diagnosis, to notify the Department of Agriculture and adjacent landowners if such land is capable of maintaining livestock susceptible to bovine trichomoniasis. Owners or managers of infected cattle would be required to submit an affidavit to the Department attesting that notification had been carried out within 14 days. In the event of noncompliance by an owner or manager, the Department would be required to notify adjacent landowners and assess administrative costs related to the notification. As a result, any expenses to the Department of Agriculture could be offset by assessment revenue. It is not possible at this time to estimate how many cases of noncompliance may arise.

Technical note: LB 544 does not specify a cash fund for the deposit of assessment payments.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSES</b>			
LB: <b>LB 544</b>	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: <b>Department of Agriculture (018)</b>	
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Agriculture provides no specific estimates of fiscal impact to the agency from LB 544, however, there is likely to be some minimal cost to the agency to handle paperwork from cattle owner notifications to the Department. There will also likely be certain costs and commensurate revenues to the agency if an owner or manager does not comply with the notification requirements and the Department of Agriculture provides notices instead, in which case the agency can charge administrative costs to the owner or manager. Again, these amounts are anticipated to be minimal.			

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 544 FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Department of Agriculture

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

	<u>FY 2013-14</u>		<u>FY 2014-15</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 544 requires notifications regarding bovine trichomoniasis. An owner or manager of cattle diagnosed with bovine trichomoniasis shall notify the department and each adjacent landowner or land manager of the diagnosis if such land is capable of maintaining livestock susceptible to bovine trichomoniasis. Such notification shall be made within fourteen days after the diagnosis. The department shall be notified on a form or affidavit attesting to the fact that the notification has occurred. The department will have some minimal costs to handle the notification paperwork and to determine compliance to the act.

If an owner or manager does not comply with the notification, the department shall notify each adjacent landowner or land manager of the diagnosis. The department proposes to publish a public notice in local newspapers of the owner/manager diagnosed with bovine trichomoniasis in lieu of performing an onsite review to determine who should be notified. The department shall assess the administrative costs for the notification against the owner or manager that failed to comply with the notification requirement.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>