

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

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

LB 337 amends the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act.

The bill changes the name of the Act to the Energy Conservation and Demand Reduction Act and adds language to legislative intent regarding the reduction of energy usage and demand.

The Act is amended to change references to “person” to “customer;” changes the definition of “Eligible energy conservation improvement” to “Eligible energy conservation project” and in that same definition changes “residence” to “building” and adds “in-person or online education program regarding customer-specific energy conservation or demand reduction efforts” as an eligible activity.

“Eligible customer” is defined to include any natural person, political subdivision, corporation, or other business entity receiving energy service from an eligible entity at a building that receives no greater than 1,000 kilowatt demand. This strikes language that referred to a resident of Nebraska who owns their own residence and whose household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level.

The bill strikes the requirement that an eligible entity notify the Department of Revenue no later than September 1, of even-numbered years of their intent to remit funds to be matched by the state.

LB 337 adds language saying that commencing on July 1 and concluding on September 30 of each fiscal year, an eligible entity may remit up to \$350,000 per fiscal year to be matched by the state and used for eligible energy conservation grants. When the amount remitted reaches \$500,000 no further deposits are to be accepted and any amounts over \$500,000 are to be returned to the eligible entity. The current Act limits eligible entity contributions to a maximum of \$50,000 and limits state matching funds to \$250,000.

The bill states legislative intent to transfer \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Energy Conservation Improvement Fund in each of fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17.

The bill contains the emergency clause.

The Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Program currently exists in the Department of Revenue and while LB 337 appears to, in addition to changing the name of the Act, widen the scope and applicability of the Act, the cost to implement the bill should be minimal.

Legislative intent to appropriate in this type of bill is not binding as the Legislature can choose to appropriate at a different level of funding or not at all. If the amount remitted under Section 4 (2) of the bill is less than \$500,000, the amount necessary for the state matching requirement would also be less.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 337	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Energy Office	
REVIEWED BY: Cindy Miserez		DATE: 01/21/2015	PHONE: 402-471-4174
COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Energy Office’s statement of no fiscal impact for LB337. The existing program currently resides in the Department of Revenue.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 337

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 337 does not provide for any duties for the Nebraska Energy Office, therefore there is no fiscal impact to the agency.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

