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LB 711

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	2,025,000		2,025,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	2,025,000		2,025,000	

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

LB 711 would establish legislative intent that the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force be funded at a level of \$2,000,000 per year beginning in FY16-17. The purpose of the appropriation would be to manage vegetation within the banks of a natural stream or within 100 feet of the banks of a channel of any natural stream. LB 711 would also specify the membership of the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force and provide that the task force be administratively housed within the Department of Agriculture. The expenses of the task force would be limited to \$25,000 per year.

It is estimated that the General Fund would provide \$2,025,000 in annual funding for vegetation management efforts and for task force expenses. While LB 711 also authorizes the task to apply for a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and for conservation funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the USDA, it is not known if additional funding from these sources would be made available.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 711	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby		DATE: 1/11/16	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: I concur with the Department of Natural Resources' statement of no fiscal impact.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 711	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby		DATE: 1/11/16	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: I agree with the University of Nebraska's statement of no fiscal impact to the University in participating on the task force.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: Dept. Natural Resources

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Prepared by: Ron Theis

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Date Prepared: 1/7/16

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Phone: 402 471 0577

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
CASH FUNDS	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact to DNR budget or operating costs

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ University of Nebraska

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Michael Justus Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ Jan 7, 2016 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-472-2191

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill establishes the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force and provides for a University representative on the Task Force. There is no fiscal impact from the bill.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Robert Storant Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/12/2016 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-6821

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>\$2,025,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$2,025,000</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$2,025,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$2,025,000</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate: This proposed legislation relates to control of invasive plant species. It will reestablish the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force, to include providing task force duties and an annual report.

The statute indicates the intent is to appropriate two million dollars annually for the management of vegetation in and near the banks of any natural stream. The funds would be disbursed only to weed management entities, local weed control authorities, and natural resources districts. The director shall apply for a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund. The director shall annually apply for conservation funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

As LB 711 is currently written, the Department of Agriculture is to receive the \$2,000,000 annually and therefore the need for this fiscal note for that appropriation. Because the Department of Agriculture is the lead agency to manage the Task Force, this fiscal note reflects the bill's intention to provide additional funding up to \$25,000 to the Department to implement and facilitate management of the task force, to include the assistance in the completion of its responsibility. In previous years, similar task force expenses were approximately \$15,000. This bill does call for the Department to solicit funds from other resources, however, it is unknown as to the amounts that could be raised, and therefore it is not reflected in this fiscal note.

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	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$2,005,000</u>	<u>\$2,005,000</u>
Travel.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Capital outlay.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital improvements.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$2,025,000</u>	<u>\$2,025,000</u>