

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2017-18</b>		<b>FY 2018-19</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
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 504 would direct the director of the Department of Natural Resources to appoint a special task force composed of no more than 13 members to study and make recommendation relating to the site of wind-generated energy projects in the Sandhills region. The findings would be submitted by December 1, 2019. It is estimated that costs for task force expenses could total \$20,000 to \$46,300 per year. Costs will depend upon the number of meetings that are conducted and any related operating costs related to task force functions. All costs would come from the General Fund.

LB 594 would also place a two-year moratorium on the industrial development of wind-generated energy projects and turbines in the Sandhills region. The moratorium would begin on January 1, 2018. Because no state agency is given the authority to enforce the moratorium, it is estimated that there would be no fiscal impact to state agencies.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 504	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with Department of Natural Resources.			

# 2017

LB<sup>(1)</sup> 504

## FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Department of Natural Resources

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### ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	46,300	0	46,300	0
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46,300</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Explanation of Estimate:

The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (Department) to: define and designate a map of the Sandhills of Nebraska; chair and appoint a representative task force of up to thirteen members to make recommendations for siting of wind-generated energy projects there; and to make a report of findings to the Legislature by Dec. 1, 2019. The bill statutorily establishes a two year moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects in the area known as the Sandhills, but the Department has no authority to locate or regulate such projects.

Existing DNR resources will chair the task force, handling the administration and logistics for the task force's meetings. This assumption requires that persons, other agencies, or entities which have wind energy expertise will be willing to lend expertise to the task force at no additional cost to the Department for the purposes of developing this fiscal note. This estimate does not include potential impacts to other state agencies. Task force operational costs, travel costs, meeting room costs, etc. are an additional expenditure and are estimated as follows.

Assuming 13 members are reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses in carrying out their duties, their travel expenses will be reimbursed. For estimating purposes, the Department relied upon its experience with the 2013 Water Funding Task Force, which included members that were geographically representative of the entire state. Using this model, the Department estimated costs for this new task force suggesting an average meeting expense per task force member per meeting at \$310. Therefore, for 20 two day meetings over the two year period, thirteen members' expenses will be \$80,600. Conference room facilities to accommodate the task force and the public are estimated at \$300 per day; 20 meetings @2 days x \$300= \$12,000.

### BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

#### Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2017-18 EXPENDITURES	2018-19 EXPENDITURES
	17-18	18-19		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			6,000	6,000

Travel.....	<u>40,300</u>	<u>40,300</u>
Capital outlay.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Aid.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Capital improvements.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<u>46,330</u>	<u>46,330</u>