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LB 285

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	200,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	200,000			

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

LB 285, section 1, states the Legislature's intent to appropriate \$200,000 of General Funds to the Power Review Board to conduct or cause to be conducted, a study of electric transmission and distribution infrastructure and policy and future needs for electric transmission and distribution infrastructure and policy in the state.

The Power Review Board members receive per diems for time spent on such activities. Therefore, the Power Review Boards' estimate of costs has separated \$4,000 of the proposed \$200,000 to address per diems of board members active in the study. The remaining \$196,000 should be sufficient to conduct the study and have findings reported by the required date of December 20, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE	
LB: 285	AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Power Review Board
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with Power Review Board.	

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LB⁽¹⁾ 285

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Power Review Board

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$200,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$200,000</u>			

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 285 states an intent to appropriate \$200,000 and directs the Power Review Board (the Board) to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to retain the services of a consultant or consulting firm to coordinate a study of electric transmission and distribution infrastructure and policy in Nebraska, and how to address future needs of said infrastructure in order to encourage and facilitate the development of renewable energy generation facilities in Nebraska. A working group coordinated by the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee will provide input into the scope of the study. The results of the study are due on or before December 20, 2019.

The Board assumes that members of the working group will serve on a volunteer basis and not be compensated for time or reimbursed for expenses. Although the Board's staff will not receive any additional compensation, the Board members will receive per diems for time spent for activities such as deciding on the scope of the study, reviewing the draft RFP, reviewing the proposals submitted, and conducting interviews of bidders. Four of the five members receive \$60 per diem, but the member serving on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee (RSC) receives \$250 per diem. When preparing this fiscal note, the Board's staff reviewed the fiscal note and activities involved in another report conducted by the Board concerning renewable issues (LB 1115 in 2014). The per diems requested in the previous bill were \$2,000. That was prior to the change where the per diems for the Board member on the RSC were increased to \$250. The Board is therefore requesting that its personal services request for the study in LB 285 be set at \$4,000 to ensure that the per diem funding is sufficient to cover the Board members' time spent on this report.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2020-21 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>		
Per Diems	-0-	-0-	\$4,000	
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$196,000	
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$200,000</u>	