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**LB 962**

Revision: 00

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>			

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

LB 962 appropriates \$5,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds to the University of Nebraska to be used for renovation and construction of a facility to house the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Teaching, Research, and Inquiry-Based Learning Center at its Omaha campus.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB:	962	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/24/22
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COMMENTS: Agree with University that the bill provides ARPA federal funds. The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation.			

**LB <sup>(1)</sup> 0962 Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to construct a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Teaching, Research, and**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:<sup>(2)</sup> University of Nebraska System

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

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS	5,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>5,000,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 962 would appropriate \$5 million from the State of Nebraska's ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allocation to the University of Nebraska at Omaha to build and expand UNO's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) capacity, competency, innovation, and literacy at all levels for the betterment of our metropolitan, regional, national, and international communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a tremendous impact on student learning due to time away from the physical classroom as well as retention challenges - particularly in the STEM fields. The educational deficits generated also affect teachers, as they work to continue to support the learner in their classrooms--regardless of their level of preparation or understanding of content. As the pandemic continues, it is imperative to provide additional support for learners.

The UNO STEM TRAIL Center serves learners, regardless of their entry point or current content knowledge, through hands-on, minds-on, experiential learning that engages the learner and their families. LB 962 will provide needed funding to create a physical space for the community to access this critically needed programming. LB 962 is critical to support the long-term economic development and growth of economies and to ensure continued success and innovation surrounding science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-23	2023-24
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
	0	0		
	0	0		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			5,000,000.00	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>5,000,000.00</b>	