

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	655,000		655,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	655,000		655,000	

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

LB 911 requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase annual grant awards under the 211 Information and Referral Network from \$300,000 per year to \$955,000 per year.

Currently, 211 grants are paid out of the 211 Cash Fund. That fund receives \$300,000 per year from interest earnings generated by the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). For the purpose of this fiscal note, the PSC assumes that the additional funding will come from the General Fund.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Universal Service Fund generated \$1,417,725.65 in interest income. From this amount, \$300,000 was transferred annually to the 211 Cash Fund. LB 911 is silent regarding the source of funding for the increased grants. Barring any specified change of the funding source, the assumption must be made that the current funding source will be utilized for the increase. Based on the FY21 interest income, the NUSF appears to generate sufficient revenue to fund the increase, however, the amount of the transfer would also need to be amended.

The increased dollar assessment of \$655,000 per year is accurate. For the reasons stated above, this fiscal note includes the increase as a Cash Fund expenditure.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 911	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Public Service Commission	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Public Service Commission's assessment of fiscal impact. The 211 Cash Fund cannot support this increase in the existing grant program without a change in the transfer amount from the Universal Service Fund or a transfer from the General Fund.			

