

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2024-25</b>		<b>FY 2025-26</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$12,000	\$4,389,000	\$12,000	\$6,650,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$4,389,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$6,650,000</b>

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

LB1061 makes the following amendments to the Corn Resources Act:

- Describes the nine members of the Corn Board as :
  - o Eight being appointed by the Governor from districts described in the act and one at-large member;
- Allows for the Corn Board to provide recommendations to the Agricultural Committee of the Legislature for potential changes of each district make-up;
- Increases the reimbursement for members from \$25/day to \$50/day;
- Decreases the amount of the Corn Board’s budget allowed to be expended to influence federal legislation from 25% to 10%;
- Makes the following changes to the corn fee:
  - o Until and on 9/30/2024, one half-cent per bushel;
  - o Beginning 10/1/2024 and until 9/30/2031 one cent per bushel; and
  - o Beginning 10/1/2031 one and one-quarter cents per bushel.
- Clarifies the first purchaser under the act.

Fees collected are dependent upon the size of harvest collected, as such the revenue estimates provided are for informational purposes only and should be construed as such.

No basis to disagree with the Corn Board’s estimates for revenue and increased cost related to board member compensation. Bill provides no additional duties requiring appropriation of the excess cash fund. A further adjustment to the agency’s appropriation could be accomplished through the biennial budget process.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 1061	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Corn Board	
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/16/2024	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Corn Board’s estimated fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 1061.			

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**2024**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 1061**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Corn Board

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

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$2,000,000	\$4,389,000	\$4,500,000	\$6,650,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,389,000</u>	<u>\$4,500,000</u>	<u>\$6,650,000</u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB1061 increases the corn check-off assessment from 0.005 to 0.01 cents per bushel beginning October 1, 2024 then again on October 1, 2031 to 0.0125 cents per bushel. It also increases the compensation to board members while performing official duties from 25 to 50 dollars per day.

The board's current FY2023-24 budget is projected to generate \$6,650,000 in check-off revenue based on 8.9 million acres harvested at 160 bushel/acre. Check-off is reported on a quarterly basis creating a lag between when the fee increases to when the revenue is received in the cash fund. This is the basis for approximately two-thirds of the increased revenue being collected in FY2024-25.

The Corn Board's FY2024-25 cash fund appropriation is \$10,008,075. The additional funds will be used to expand domestic and international market development, research on input efficiency, assist in agricultural education expansion, and partner on collaborations of expansion within Nebraska's Golden Triangle – focusing on the livestock and biofuels industries.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Board Member Per Diems			\$12,000	\$12,000
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$1,988,000	\$4,488,000
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,500,000</u>