

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below			
CASH FUNDS	See Below			
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	15,000,000			

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

LB66 would require the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) to plan and order the construction of both new fish hatcheries and additions to existing fish hatcheries. The cost to fully supply the state with fish shall not exceed \$10,000,000 in FY24/25. Further, this bill requires NGPC to spend up to \$5,000,000 in FY24/25 on wildlife management research for the purpose of increasing state tourism. Moreover, the bill would remove the requirement for the NGPC to restore Carter P. Johnson Lake at Fort Robinson State Park.

Additionally, LB66 would amend the Nebraska Department of Economic Development’s (DED) Rural Projects Act by changing the distribution schedule of matching funds for approved rail spur construction applicants. This bill would require that the matching funds paid to each applicant to be pro-rated, according to each applicant’s percentage of the sum of the overall approved applicants’ match amounts. Any matching funds due to an approved applicant, which were unable to be paid out in the initial fiscal year, would continue to be paid in subsequent years until fully paid.

Expenditures:

The NGPC has indicated \$15,000,000 in Cash Funds would be necessary for administering these changes included in LB66. Analysis of the Game Cash Fund shows that in FY24/25, there would be an insufficient balance in the fund to absorb \$15,000,000 in expenditures. For the purposes of this fiscal note, we will assume a General Fund appropriation would be required due to the timing of the expenditures in FY25.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the DED for adjusting the timing of matching fund distribution.

There is no basis to disagree with the NGPC’s fiscal impact.

Due to time constraints, the DED was unable to provide an estimate to meet the deadline for publishing prior to hearing. If and when a fiscal note is received from the DED, and it would show a fiscal impact, then an updated fiscal note would be published.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 66- NGPC Fish Hatcheries, Wildlife Management & appropriations

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	15,000,000	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,000,000</u>	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

This bill would authorize the Game and Parks Commission to plan and order construction on existing and new fish hatcheries, to fully supply the state with fish. The cost may not exceed \$10,000,000.

The Commission shall plan and conduct wildlife management research to increase state tourism. The cost of the research may not exceed \$5,000,000.

The Commission's requirement to restore Carter P. Johnson Lake at Fort Robinson State Park is removed from previously appropriated funds to Program 967 (State Park Improvements).

The overall Game Cash Fund 23320 would not be able to maintain a positive balance without increasing fees or considering potential new revenues. However, if the Legislature intends to support this bill with General Funds, this would not be an issue.

FUND #	FUND NAME		FY22-23	FY23-24	EST 24-25	EST 25-26	EST 26-27	
					\$0	\$0	\$0	NEW REV
23320	GAME CASH	July1 equity	\$32,382,248	\$31,961,897	\$29,734,598	\$5,010,185	\$1,899,521	
23320	GAME CASH	INCOME	\$30,245,215	\$29,936,541	\$30,015,233	\$29,820,745	\$29,589,347	
23320	GAME CASH	EXPENSE	\$30,665,567	\$32,163,840	\$54,739,646	\$32,931,409	\$32,931,409	
23320	GAME CASH	June 30 Equity	\$31,961,897	\$29,734,598	\$5,010,185	\$1,899,521	-\$1,442,541	
					\$ 15,000,000			LB66

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-25	2025-26
	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____