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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill will provide for Board of Parole recommendations relating to incarceration work camps.

The Nebraska Supreme Court (NSC) – Probation Administration estimates the following impact:

	FY2007-08	FY2008-09
Training costs:		
Operating	2,814	2,814
Travel	1,206	1,206
Total	4,020	4,020

Probation Administration notes that the impact was calculated as follows:

Training cost per day	\$ 134
Number of training days	5
Number of officers needed to be trained	6
Total training cost	\$ 4,020

Probation Administration states that the Work Ethic Camp (WEC) is primarily operated by two Intensive Supervision Probation officers (ISP), but that four other ISP officers in the region need to be trained for duties at the WEC as needed. The Legislative Fiscal Office analyst (LFO) understands that the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) currently provides training for its employees at WEC. It appears that Probation Administration could have its employees trained through the training currently offered by DCS. Therefore, it appears to LFO that there will be no additional costs incurred by Probation Administration.

The Board of Parole estimates no fiscal impact.

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) notes that the bill would change current statutes to allow offenders sentenced to DCS institutions to be placed at the WEC. Currently, the WEC houses probationers sentenced by the Courts as a form of intensive supervision probation. DCS notes that the average daily population at the WEC is approximately 70. The facility was built to house 100, and could easily house up to 120 offenders.

The DCS notes that placement of 'pre-parole' inmates at the WEC would increase the costs of operating the facility. However, it is not anticipated that additional significant costs would be incurred because inmate per-diem would transfer with the offender. Any one-time costs incurred in making this change would be absorbed by DCS.