

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	399,352		399,352	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	399,352		399,352	

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

LB 1056 would require the Department of Natural Resources to do the following: 1) Determine, in conjunction with the University of Nebraska, a method to measure ground water and aquifer changes in each river basin; 2) annually measure ground water and aquifer changes across each river basin; and 3) report changes to the Legislature on December 31 of each year. LB 1056 also sets forth standards regarding when irrigation well meters would be installed or when annual allocations would be reduced in depletion areas.

The statewide river basin measurement system proposed in LB 1056 would require a level of data collection and analysis that exceeds the workload capacity of the existing Department of Natural Resources staff. Based upon the current staffing and workload of the agency, the estimate of \$399,352 in annual costs to hire 5.7 additional staff, and pay for associated operating and travel costs, to carry out the provisions of LB 1056 does not appear unreasonable. It is estimated that costs would come from the General Fund.

The Department of Natural Resources estimate includes \$45,936 to pay for the assistance of a Conservation and Survey Division scientist. It is estimated that the University of Nebraska expenses to assist the Department would be reimbursed by the agency.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES – Salaries add to \$240,906 but, overall, I have no basis to dispute estimate.					
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – I have no basis to dispute estimate.					