

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 655 allows the Director of Administrative Services to permit a state employee, with the authorization of his or her supervisor, to participate in volunteer activities at a public elementary, middle, or high school, or a nonprofit organization that focuses on such education during normal work hours, without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave, or earned overtime accumulation.

The Department of Administrative Services identifies a state-wide fiscal year 2017-18 cost of \$9,511,534. This is not a cost of expenditures, rather it represents the salaries and benefits that will be spent while employees are volunteering. The cost is more accurately identified as a lost productivity cost. The DAS estimate includes the following assumptions: 50% of employees participating for half of one work day per month. This amount is applied to the average state employee's average wage and benefit cost. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

The University of Nebraska estimates a productivity loss of approximately 54,000 hours per year. This translates to about 26 FTE per year. The University also notes that inclusion under the provisions of LB 655 "may not be appropriate given our separate personnel system."

The State College System would face the same productivity loss. The College System notes: "given the Board of Trustees' constitutional authority, its personnel are not subject to DAS Regulations."

No fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 655	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Dept of Administrative Services	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: 2/2/17	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: The agency's estimate of a statewide impact of lost productivity because of the provisions of the bill, given the assumptions detailed, appears to be reasonable.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 655	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Dept of Education	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: 1/26/17	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree the estimate of impact provided by the agency. However, the cost to the agency for lost productivity could be significant depending on how much employees are allowed to volunteer.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 655	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State College System	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: 1/31/17	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: Unable to provide comment as the agency did not provide an estimate on the impact of the bill.			

ADMINSTRATAVE SERVICE STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 655	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: 1/31/17	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the assumption used by the University for productive hours lost. The fiscal impact to the University would likely be significate given the higher level of salary and benefits that University employee receive.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Administrative Services (DAS) - State
Personnel & Employee Relations Divisions

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ William J. Wood Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1-23-17 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4106

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2017-18</u>		<u>FY 2018-19</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
REVOLVING FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB655 provides an opportunity for State employees to volunteer time at schools or non-profit organizations that focus on education during work time. The DAS Director would be given the authority to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as necessary.

The bill impacts all state agencies, the University of Nebraska, the state colleges and the Department of Education. Because DAS does not have access to the personnel costs of the University of Nebraska or the State Colleges, they were excluded from our cost analysis. If enacted today, we estimate the statewide cost as follows:

Average State employee wage per hour	\$24.76
Plus: Employee Benefits – FICA (7.65%) & Retirement (7.50%) per hour	\$3.76
Total Average Cost per Hour	\$28.52
Average State employee wage + benefits per day	\$228.16
Amount of volunteer days* anticipated per employee	6
Cost per employee, per year who participates	\$1,368.96
Approximate number of employees wanting to participate (50% of code, non-code employees & Department of Education employees)	6,948
Total Estimated Cost	\$9,511,534

*Volunteer days based on half a day per month per employee.

The expenditures expressed for FY2017-18 and FY2018-19 below were derived by taking the estimated 2016 cost in the table above and increasing it by 1% (\$9,511,534 x 1.01 = \$9,606,649) and 1.5% (\$9,606,649 x 1.015 = \$9,750,749) respectively. These costs represent wages and benefits paid to State employees for an estimated amount of time spent as a volunteer.

The allocation by fund type in the table below was determined by using the State's four year average (2013-2016) of PSL (Personal Service Limitation) expenditures.

Fund Type	FY17-18 PSL/Benefits Expenditures	FY18-19 PSL/Benefits Expenditures
General	5,029,348	5,104,788
Cash	2,028,600	2,059,029
Federal	1,244,831	1,263,503
Revolving	1,303,870	1,323,429
Total	9,606,649	9,750,749

These figures represent lost productivity in that such employees would be spending the estimated days/time volunteering as opposed to accomplishing job duties within their employed positions.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Department of Education

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2017-18</u>		<u>FY 2018-19</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 655 would not require NDE to expend additional funds for payroll unless additional staff members or temporary workers are hired to work when volunteers are absent. The bill does not establish limitations on the amount of work time spent volunteering in the public schools and certain nonprofits. The director of Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is charged with adopting and promulgating rules and regulations regarding this activity, which would likely address this issue.

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	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Benefits.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Operating.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Travel.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Capital outlay.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Aid.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Capital improvements.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
TOTAL.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State College System (NSCS)

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Carolyn Murphy Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/27/2017 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2505

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>Unable to determine</u>	_____	<u>Unable to determine</u>	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

LB655 would authorize NSCS employees to participate in volunteer work at public, elementary, middle, and high schools and certain nonprofit organizations that focus on education during work hours pursuant to DAS regulations. However, given the Board of Trustees' constitutional authority, its personnel are not subject to DAS Regulations.

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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ University of Nebraska

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Michael Justus Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 26, 2017 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-472-2191

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2017-18</u>		<u>FY 2018-19</u>	
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The University has about 13,500 employees budgeted positions. If each employee uses a single afternoon (4 hours) during the year, that would translate to about 54,000 hours of lost productivity, or about 26 FTE's.

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Benefits.....			_____	_____
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Travel.....			_____	_____
Capital outlay.....			_____	_____
Aid.....			_____	_____
Capital improvements.....			_____	_____
TOTAL.....			_____	_____