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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated for 2004 Session

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2004-05		FY 2005-06	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	406,000		400,000	
CASH FUNDS			1,000	1,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	406,000		401,000	1,000

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

LB 269 adopts an educational loan forgiveness program for lawyers who provide public legal services. The bill creates the Public Service Loan Repayment Board. The board shall consist of the Director of Nebraska Legal Services, the deans of Creighton School of Law and the University Nebraska College of Law, a student of each law school selected by the dean of the law school, a member of the Nebraska County Attorneys Association selected by the president of the association, a member of the Nebraska criminal Defense Attorneys Association selected by the president of the association, and the chief counsel of the Commission on Public Advocacy. The board shall develop and recommend to the Commission on Public Advocacy rules and regulations that will govern the legal education for public service loan repayment program. The Commission on Public Advocacy estimates that it will take about a year to develop and write the rules and regulations and estimates \$6,000 in one-time start for the Public Service Loan Repayment Board.

The Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy shall accept applications for loan forgiveness and present them to the Public Service Loan Repayment Board. In turn the board will make recommendations for loans not to exceed \$6,000 per year per recipient. The loan awarded to the recipients shall come from funds appropriated by the legislature to the Legal Education Public Service Loan Repayment Fund. The bill states it is the intent of the legislature to appropriate \$300,000 per fiscal year for public service loan repayment and up to an additional \$100,000 per fiscal year as a one time match for private donations to the program.

Finally the bill provides applicants shall pay an application fee established by Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board. The application fee shall be deposited in the Legal Education Public Service Loan Repayment Fund. The application fee shall be made to minimize the administration costs. The Commission anticipates once the program is in place annual costs of \$1,000.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ADVOCACY: Fiscal impact for administration is reasonable, as presented by the agency. LB 269-Sec 10 also implies that up to \$400,000/year (General Funds) will be appropriated for loan repayment and match to private gifts.					