

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	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.

LB602 increases the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee from \$6 to \$8 per case. LB602 also applies the \$8 fee to pretrial diversion programs.

There is a range of estimated revenue to be raised from increasing the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee. The Supreme Court estimates annual revenue of \$700,000 and the Nebraska Public Employee Retirement System (NPERS) estimates annual revenue of \$1,007,240. Therefore an increase of \$2 would increase annual revenue in a range of \$700,000 to \$1,000,000.

Currently, there appears to be little information available with regard to the number of pretrial diversion programs, the number of participants and current fees charged. The \$8 fee would increase costs for participants. The amount of revenue raised due to this fee cannot be estimated.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 602	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Neb. Public Employee Retirement Systems	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush		DATE: 2/2/15	PHONE: 471-4161
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with estimate of additional revenues going into the Judges Retirement Plan. Disagree with the agency that there might be a need for an additional position due to pretrial diversion programs. The bill places the duty to collect fees on the district or county court clerks, not NPERS.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 602

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Supreme Court

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/30/15

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	<u>See below</u>	=====	<u>See below</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 602 increases the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee from \$6.00 to \$8.00 and applies the fee to pretrial diversion programs.

The Supreme Court makes no estimate regarding revenue from pretrial diversion. Such programs are county and not court-managed programs making it difficult to collect data at this time.

The Supreme Court estimates that increasing the fee may increase revenue by \$700,000. Estimate is based on cases filed in CY 2014 and takes into account that case filings have decreased in recent years. Estimate is an annual amount assessed by the court to be paid. However, all revenue will not be received within the same 12-month period.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</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 Public Employee Retirement Systems (NPERS)

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	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
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TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 602 changes provisions for collection of court fees for the Judges Retirement Plan. This bill would raise the court fees collected from \$6 to \$8 per case. NPERS estimates, based on data from fiscal year-end 6/30/2014 that this would generate roughly an additional \$1,007,240 in court fees. That would be a total of \$4,028,961 in court fees not including the 10% of probate fees. (Court fees covered \$3,021,721 / \$6) X \$8 = \$4,028,961.

This bill also provides for fees to be collected from the cases referred to pretrial diversion programs. It is unclear and difficult to estimate where and from whom these fees would be submitted. The diversion programs are operated through the County Attorneys. NPERS does not have an estimate of how many cases are referred to diversion programs in the State. If each diversion program would be considered a reporting entity and report information separate from the courts, this would have the potential of adding many more reporting agents to report information and to monitor for NPERS. This would increase the work load substantially, possibly causing the need for an additional FTE (Accountant I).

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