

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS	See below	See below	See below	See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below	See below	See below	See below

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

LB 808 would establish the Community Food Production Water Fund in the Department of Agriculture. The fund would receive revenue from a one-time \$100,000 transfer from the Water Sustainability Fund on or before July 1, 2018. The fund would be expended by the Department of Agriculture for financial assistance for water-related costs associated with community garden projects.

There would be a \$100,000 revenue loss to the Water Sustainability Fund in the Department of Natural Resources and a like revenue increase to the Community Food Production Water Fund in the Department of Agriculture. The transfer out of the Water Sustainability Fund is not anticipated to significantly impact the size or number of grants that would be approved by the Natural Resources Commission. Presently, the Water Sustainability Fund has an annual \$10,379,077 cash fund state aid appropriation..

The Department of Agriculture notes that there would be \$10,400 expended annually to devote .10 FTE to the administration of the program. It is estimated that an existing staff person would carry out these functions. The agency notes that General Funds would be required to finance administrative costs because the fund creation language does not explicitly allow the cash fund to be used for such expenses. Clarification regarding administrative costs could allow costs to be applied to the cash fund. The agency estimates that program funding would be expended over two fiscal years, but cash flow will depend upon the number of eligible applications received.

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

LB: 808 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Agriculture
 REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby DATE: 1/16/18 PHONE: (402) 471-4174
 COMMENTS: Nebraska Department of Agriculture's estimate of fiscal impact appears reasonable given the assumptions used.

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

LB: 808 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
 REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby DATE: 1/10/18 PHONE: (402) 471-4174
 COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 808

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Agriculture

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2018-19</u>		<u>FY 2019-20</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>10,400</u>	<u></u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u></u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>50,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>50,000</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>60,400</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>60,400</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

This proposed bill will change provisions relating to community gardens and seed libraries. NDA would be responsible for awarding grants for water access for what would be termed as Food Production Gardens. Administrative costs include, a .10 FTE for an Agriculture Promotion Coordinator. The department is responsible for the adoption of the rules and regulations to provide services and ongoing execution of the program as well as \$1,500 for operating expenses. For fiscal note purposes, aid is allocated at \$50,000 per year due to the startup of a new program during the FY 2018-2019 and the time it will take to adopt the rules and regulations. It is unknown as to the true impact per year, but could be up to \$100,000 in total.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
	<u>18-19</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Agriculture Promotion Coordinator	<u>.10</u>	<u>.10</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Benefits.....			<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>
Operating.....			<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Travel.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Capital outlay.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
Aid.....			<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Capital improvements.....			<u></u>	<u></u>
TOTAL.....			<u>60,400</u>	<u>60,400</u>

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Natural Resources

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Ron Theis Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ Jan. 8, 2018 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402 471 0577

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
CASH FUNDS	0	(100,000)	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0
OTHER FUNDS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	0	(100,000)	0	0

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill has no fiscal impact upon agency budget or operating costs.

The bill authorizes a one-time transfer of \$100,000 on or before July 1, 2018 from the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) by the State Treasurer to a newly created fund under the Department of Agriculture. WSF state aid is used for eligible water conservation project cost-shared grants (60% WS Fund; 40% other) that are reviewed, ranked and approved by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NRC)- The WSF receives transfers of general funds as legislatively authorized and the Department is provided an appropriation authorization for the approved expenditures through the Department's budget. The proposed one-time transfer will result in a reduction in aid available for the NRC to distribute to future water project grants.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2018-19	2019-20
	18-19	19-20	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
			0	0
			0	0
Benefits.....			0	0
Operating.....			0	0
Travel.....			0	0
Capital outlay.....			0	0
Aid.....			0	0
Capital improvements.....			0	0
TOTAL.....			0	0