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LB 1096

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised to reflect any amendments adopted to date.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 1096 as amended requires cities of the first class with a population in excess of thirty-seven thousand five hundred (37,500) inhabitants to employ a full-time fire chief not later than January 5, 2009. The fire chief shall have appropriate training, credentials, and experience and shall be someone for whom firefighting or emergency medical first response is a full-time career

According to the Nebraska Blue Book 2006-2007, there are two cities of the first class with populations in excess of 37,500 inhabitants. Those cities with the reported populations are Bellevue (47,294) and Grand Island (44,250).

The City of Grand Island estimates approximately \$125,000 to \$130,000 per year to address the cost of a fire chief. The fiscal impact response submitted for the original version of LB 1096 reflects that "The City of Grand Island has a paid full-time Fire Department which includes the Fire Chief." It appears that the City of Grand Island's fiscal impact responses are in conflict with each other. While Grand Island *may* be impacted by the bill's provisions, that determination cannot be made conclusively based on these responses.

The City of Bellevue estimates the fiscal impact of LB 1096 to be \$343,750 for fiscal year 2008-09 and \$297,000 for fiscal year 2009-10. The City of Bellevue did not submit a fiscal response for the original version of the bill so there is no comparison to be made for the amendments' impact. The City of Bellevue further estimates revenue of \$450,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2009-10. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

No fiscal impact to the state.