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LB 1174

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	72,918		72,918	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	72,918		72,918	

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

LB 1174 (section 4) requires the Secretary of State to monitor purchases of agricultural land by entities and the farming and ranching operations of entities and notify the Attorney General of any possible violations. The Attorney General shall commence an action in district court to enjoin any pending illegal land purchases or livestock operation or force divestiture of land held in violation of section 3 of the act. Section 4 (3) requires the Secretary of State to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to provide reasonable accommodations only to individuals who would otherwise provide day-to-day labor and management for a farming or ranching operation but are prevented from doing so due to a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities. Finally, the Secretary of State shall establish a registry whereby a farm or ranch can be certified as a family farm or ranch entity through reasonable accommodations provided to the entity's owners under such rules and regulations.

Section 3 prohibits entities from acquiring or otherwise obtaining an interest, whether legal, beneficial, or otherwise, in title to real estate used for farming or ranching in this state. Subsection 2 details the real estate to which subsection 1 shall not apply.

The Attorney General estimates no fiscal impact related to the provisions of LB 1174. It is assumed that any additional work will be addressed with currently budgeted resources.

The Secretary of State estimates the need for one full-time data processing clerk, related benefits and operating costs to administer the bill's provisions. The dollars associated with operations would address such costs as programming, printing and postage. This estimate appears to be reasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
ATTORNEY GENERAL – Actual impact will depend on number of actions taken.			
SECRETARY OF STATE – Generally agree depending on the requirements intended by requiring the Secretary of State to “monitor.” Generally agree staff would be needed based on the same requirements, however, without knowing the specific functions required, cannot determine need for software, travel, or other operating expenses.			