

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

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

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

LB 929 would make it unlawful to hunt, trap, or fish for any animal.

Revenue Impact

The direct fiscal impact would be to the Game and Parks Commission in the form of lost revenue from hunting, fishing, and related permit sales. The Game and Parks Commission has estimated this loss to be approximately \$13.5 million annually. If lost revenue from the habitat stamp, aquatic habitat stamp, and waterfowl stamp are considered the revenue loss would be closer to \$15.5 million.

The Commission has estimated that \$8.7 million of federal wildlife and fish related grants would also be lost annually. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

Indirectly, the prohibition of hunting and fishing in Nebraska may negatively impact sales and income tax revenue from the loss of hunting and fishing activity of both residents and nonresidents. No estimate of this potential revenue loss is available at this time.

Expenditure Impact

The Game and Parks Commission has estimated that their expenditures would be reduced \$400,000 annually due to the elimination of staff involved in permit sales and administration. They assume that \$20 million of their expenditures related to law enforcement and wildlife and fishing responsibilities would continue, and would need to be funded with the General Fund because of the loss of cash and federal revenue. However, with the cessation of all hunting and fishing activities, it could be argued that supporting responsibilities such as habitat improvement and fish stocking could also cease. If this is the case the expenditure reduction would approximate the revenue loss of \$13-15 million and negate the need for any General Fund support.