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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

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

LB 355 would provide that the Department of Agriculture may employ an agricultural trade representative. It also provides in legislative intent language that the Department seek to fund half of the annual salary and expenditures of the trade representative through cooperative funding secured from private and public entities with interests in expanding and servicing international markets for Nebraska agricultural products.

The Department of Agriculture currently employs an agricultural trade representative. Because the language regarding cooperative funding of the position is stated as legislative intent, it is estimated that the status of the position would not change if the full amount of cooperative funding was not procured. LB 355 does not specify where funding from private or public entities would be deposited if it was procured, but it is estimated that if a Department of Agriculture cash fund was designated, some expenses currently budgeted to General Funds could be assigned to cash funds. The exact amount of General Fund savings could vary annually, based upon donation levels.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
AGRICULTURE: No basis to dispute agency analysis and indeterminate fiscal impact relative to the Department of Agriculture.					

