

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	10,000	See below		See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	10,000			

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

LB 636 provides that a Nebraska resident who is deployed out of state with a branch of the military and who is in Nebraska on leave shall be entitled to receive a combination fishing and hunting permit for \$5.00 which will be valid during the leave period. This entitlement is also extended to his or her spouse.

If the military member and/or spouse take advantage of purchasing a permit for the \$5.00 price there will be a revenue loss equal to \$24.00 for each permit issued assuming that they would have purchased the same permit at the full price of \$29.00.

If the military member and/or spouse would **not** have purchased a permit at the regular price of \$29.00, but decide to take advantage of the \$5.00 permit, there will be an increase in revenue equal to \$5.00 per permit plus it will qualify Nebraska for additional federal funds (\$89.96 per permit).

Whether this bill results in a net revenue gain or a net revenue loss to the Game Cash Fund depends on the permit buying decisions of the military member and spouse which are not currently known, therefor the net revenue loss or gain is indeterminate but will likely be minimal.

Since the permit will only be valid for the period of time the military member is on leave, instead of a calendar year, the Game and Parks Commission will need to change their permit issuing system to accommodate this new type of permit. They estimate a one-time cost of \$10,000 cash funds for programming and testing.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 636	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
REVIEWED BY: Cindy Miserez	DATE: 01/29/2015	PHONE: 402-471-4174
COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's statement of fiscal impact for LB636.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 636

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	10,000	-?	_____	-?
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-?</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>-?</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would provide for a \$5 combination hunt/fish license to a resident individual and their spouse if they are deployed with a branch of the United States military out of Nebraska and return on leave. The permit would be valid for the period of the leave.

A current resident combination hunt/fish permit with all stamps is valued at \$64 (license \$29, habitat stamp \$20, aquatic habitat stamp \$10, Nebraska waterfowl stamp \$5). The legislation does not mention the inclusion of stamps thus there would only be a loss of \$24 of potential revenue for each permit sold. Based on 2014 Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program apportionments, a paid combination hunt/fish permit translates into \$89.96 of federal aid monies. A five dollar fee would meet the minimum fee eligible to recoup the federal aid monies, but only for 1-year, so should a leave period cross calendar years, a permit could only be counted for 1 of the 2 years.

The potential revenue loss would depend upon the number of eligible individuals that actually purchase the permit that would have purchased a normal priced permit. This number is not determinable with data currently known.

Since the permit validity time frame equates to the leave period rather than a normal December 31/calendar year end date, some extensive permit system programming changes would be necessary to accommodate this new type of permit. Additionally extra staff time would be necessary to validate the eligibility. Additional costs of approximately \$10,000 for programming and testing is estimated.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	10,000	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	<u>10,000</u>	_____