

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS			(74,123)	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS			(74,123)	

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

LB 410 provides for two additional commissioners to serve on the Public Service Commission and new boundaries for the seven districts.

Section 5 changes the annual salary of each Commissioner from the current seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to a per diem of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per day for days actually away from home on business of the commission, not to exceed twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500) in any one year.

Section 10 provides an operative date of January 3, 2019.

The Public Service Commission estimates a General Fund savings of \$74,123 for fiscal year 2018-19 and \$216,246 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20. This estimate is based on reduced salaries, increased travel and conference attendance, as well as costs to address remodeling office space, providing furniture for offices, computers, and the like. These estimated appear to be reasonable.

ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 410	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Public Service Commission	
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Public Service Commission's assessment of fiscal impact seems reasonable given the assumptions used.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 410

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Public Service Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2017-18</u>		<u>FY 2018-19</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	0	0
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-74,123</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB410 reorganizes the Public Service Commission by changing the boundaries and number of public service Commissioner districts from five to seven, changing the compensation of Commissioners by replacing Commissioners' salaries with a per diem amount of \$150 per trip, not to exceed \$22,500 in any one year. The operative date of LB410 is January 4, 2019.

This bill would affect the general fund appropriation in legislative programs 14, 16 and 54.

Expenses for FY2019 and FY2020 are estimated as follows (based on 150 trips per year, per Commissioner):

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
FY2019 - July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018:					
Salaries (7/1/2018 thru 12/31/2018)	375,000	187,500	-187,500	0	-375,000
Retirement	28,125	14,063	-14,063	0	-28,125
Health	55,445	27,723	-27,723	0	-55,445
FICA (on salaries only)	28,688	14,344	-14,344	0	-28,688
Commuting	36,000	18,000	-18,000	0	-36,000
FICA (on commuting only)	2,700	1,350	-1,350	0	-2,700
Conference Registration Fees	4,098	2,049	-2,049	0	-4,098
Travel (airfare, board and lodging, misc. costs)	21,570	10,785	-10,785	0	-21,570
FY2019 - January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019:					
Per Diems (beginning 01/1/2019 thru 6/30/2019)	0	78,750	78,750	157,500	157,500
FICA on Per Diem Costs	0	6,024	6,024	12,049	12,049
FICA (on commuting only)	0	4,564	4,564	9,129	9,129

Conference Registration Fees	0	3,586	3,586	7,172	7,172
Commuting	0	59,666	59,666	119,332	119,332
Travel (airfare, board and lodging, misc. costs)	0	15,099	15,099	30,198	30,198
Remodel to add two Commission offices	0	14,000	14,000	0	0
Furniture and Computer for two new Commissioners	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
Remodel of Commission hearing room to accommodate two new Commissioners	0	10,000	10,000	0	0
		<u>551,626</u>	<u>477,502</u>	<u>-74,123</u>	<u>335,379</u>
				<u>-216,246</u>	

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2017-18 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2018-19 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>		
Commissioners		-5		-187,500
Per Diems				78,750
Benefits.....				-46,890
Operating.....				25,537
Travel.....				45,980
Capital outlay.....				10,000
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>0</u>	<u>-74,123</u>