

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill would change provisions relating to compensation for burial expenses under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

The bill would change reasonable burial expenses from an amount not to exceed \$10,000, to an amount not to exceed fourteen times the state average weekly wage.

According to the Workers' Compensation Court FY2018 Annual Report, the state average weekly wage for calendar year 2019 is \$855. Therefore, the 2019 burial expenses would be increased from an amount not to exceed \$10,000, to an amount not to exceed \$11,970.

The Workers' Compensation Court estimates no fiscal impact from this bill.

DAS Risk Management states that this bill will have a fiscal impact, but the amount is unknown at this time. The state's workers' compensation program is funded by annual assessments against all agencies, boards and commissions, the university, and state colleges. DAS Risk Management notes that any increase in costs could increase the amount assessed.

Technical Note: The bill says "state average weekly wage" but DAS Risk Management in their fiscal note response states "employee's average weekly wage". This difference may affect any fiscal impact estimated by the agency.

The City of Imperial estimates no fiscal impact from this bill.

The City of Omaha estimates a minimal fiscal impact.

The City of Lincoln states that the bill increases the maximum burial benefit which would financially impact them. However, they are unable to predict how often this benefit would be paid in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 448	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Workers Compensation Court (037)	
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/24/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Workers Compensation Court estimate of No Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 448.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 448	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Administrative Services (065)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/30/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Department of Administrative Services estimate of potential but Indeterminate Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 448.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 448	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: City of Imperial
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/24/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the City of Imperial estimate of No Fiscal Impact to the City from LB 448.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 448	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: City of Omaha
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/30/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the City of Omaha estimate of "Minimal" Fiscal Impact to the City from LB 448.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 448	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: City of Lincoln
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/04/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the City of Lincoln estimate of potential but Indeterminate Fiscal Impact to the City from LB 448.		

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jill Gradwohl Schroeder Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 24, 2019 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.471.3602
Administrator

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u> <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2020-21</u> <u>EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – Risk Management

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Shereece Dendy-Sanders Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 22, 2019 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4436

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
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OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 448 relates to burial expenses upon the death of an employee due to a work-related injury or illness. The bill proposes to change the burial expense from \$10,000.00 (maximum) to any amount not exceeding fourteen (14) times the employee's average weekly wage for the year of the death.

There is a fiscal impact, but it would fluctuate on a case by case basis. The proposed change could save the State money if the employee has a lower average weekly wage. Alternatively, if the employee has a higher average weekly wage, the burial expenses could exceed \$10,000.00, which is the current maximum. For example, if an employee's average weekly wage is \$831.00, the burial expense benefit would be: \$831.00 x 14 = \$11,634.00.

The DAS Risk Management Workers Compensation program is a revolving fund program and is funded by an annual assessment that includes all agencies, boards and commissions, the University and State Colleges. Any increase in costs could increase the amount assessed.

This bill creates a fiscal impact, however the exact fiscal impact is unknown at this time.

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Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ City of Imperial

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jo Leyland

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 01/24/2019

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 308-882-4368

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

No significant fiscal impact

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Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ CITY OF OMAHA

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ TYLER LEIMER Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/30/2018 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-444-4514

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate: Minimal fiscal impact. Would depend on the number of WC deaths per year or every 5 – 10 years.

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Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ City of Lincoln

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jan Bolin Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/31/19 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-440-0986

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

LB 448 would increase the current burial benefit from \$10,000 to \$12,000. This increase would financially impact the City of Lincoln as an increase to a current benefit but we are unable to predict how often this benefit would need to be paid in the future.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

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Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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