

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2019-20</b>		<b>FY 2020-21</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	119,376		124,703	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>119,376</b>		<b>124,703</b>	

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

LB 660 would revise existing law that requires the executive director of the Nebraska Brand Committee to serve as chief investigator and chief brand inspector for the agency. It also removes the provision that any individual hired as director who does not possess a valid law enforcement certificate or diploma is required to complete training to receive a certificate or diploma. LB 660 would also direct the Brand Committee employ a chief investigator who would serve as chief of field operations and supervise investigators and inspectors.

The Brand Committee states that the Chief Investigator would be paid an initial salary of \$71,500, plus benefits. Total costs to add this position would be \$94,476 in FY19-20 and \$101,708 in FY20-21. The agency-owned vehicle currently assigned to the executive director – currently serving as chief investigator – would instead be reassigned to the Chief Investigator. Because the executive director will no longer be provided with a vehicle, the agency estimates an additional \$21,900 of travel reimbursement requests from the executive director in FY19-20 and \$22,995 in reimbursement requests in FY20-21. All costs would be paid from the Nebraska Brand Inspection and Theft Prevention Fund, the agency cash fund. The total spending authority increase required as a result of LB 660 is estimated to be \$119,376 in FY19-20 and \$124,703 in FY20-21.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>	
LB: 660	AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Brand Committee
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COMMENTS: Brand Committee's fiscal impact appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.	

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**2019**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 660**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Brand Committee

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**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	\$119,375.95		\$124,703.36	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The impact of this bill to the agency will result in one more salary exempt position. Making a need for an increase in the personal service limitation on the budget, to cover wages and benefits. As well as an increase in other operating to cover travel expenses. The estimate is based on the agency approved beginning salary for the Chief Investigator position for 2019-2020 and an increased salary equivalent to 4.8% (1.5% increase for performance and 2.8% for the requested cost of living increase) for the 2020-2021 year. Travel expenses are estimated with an increase of 5% in inflation for 2020-2021. (A vehicle is provided for the chief investigator so there will be no personal mileage claimed, but the Executive Director position will have mileage claims, and other travel expenses, thus making the travel expenditures rise.) Currently there is not any revenue recorded for the Investigation subprogram. The investigation subprogram is supported by the inspection, and brand recording programs.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Chief Investigator	1	1	\$71,500.00	\$74,604.53
Benefits.....			\$25,975.95	\$27,103.83
Operating.....				
Travel.....			\$21,900.00	\$22,995.00
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$119,375.95</b>	<b>\$124,703.36</b>