

**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	See Below	\$7,750	See Below	\$23,250
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$7,750</b>		<b>\$23,250</b>

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

LB 691 provides for the issuance of Ornate Box Turtle Conservation license plates beginning on January 1, 2020. There may be up to three designs. The plates may be either numerical or personalized message plates. Applicants for numerical plates must pay an additional initial and renewal fee of \$5 which is deposited into the Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund (GPTHF), which is established by the bill. Applicants for message plates pay an annual \$40 plate fee of which 75% is deposited in the GPTHF and 25% accrues to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Cash Fund.

All applicants for plates also pay the regular per plate fee, which is capped at \$3.50 by current statute. If the manufacturing cost of the plates exceeds the amount charged as a regular plate fee, then the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged is credited to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) instead of the GPCEF. The bill also has language providing for the plates to be designed to limit the manufacturing cost to equal to or less than the amount charged for the plates.

DMV Expenditures: LB 691 increases expenditures of the DMV in FY2019-20 to modify the Vehicle Titling and Registration and plate management computer systems to accommodate the new Wildlife Conservation plates. The department indicates it can handle the estimated 80 hours of programming and testing with existing staff and resources.

DMV estimates there may be about 1,000 sets of Ornate Box Turtle Conservation plates sold each year based upon their experience with other specialty license plates. Using this estimate, it is assumed half of this number (500) will apply in the initial fiscal year. It is also assumed that 70% of the plates issued will be numerical and 30% will be personalized.

Assuming the manufacturing cost is equal to the price charged for a plate, then expenditures by the HTF and revenue received by the fund from plate charges will equal a maximum of \$3,500 (\$7.00/set x 500 sets) in FY2019-20 and double this amount in FY21 when an estimated 1,000 plates are manufactured. If the manufacturing expense is higher than the amount charged for a regular plate, then the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged is credited to the HTF instead of the GPTHF.

Revenues: Increased revenue from the \$5 annual fee for an Ornate Box Turtle Conservation numerical plate and \$40 fee for a personalized plate will be deposited in the DMV Cash Fund and the GPTHF. The estimated revenue assuming 500 new sets of plates are applied for in FY2019-20 and 1,000 new sets are applied for in FY2020-21 is as shown on the table on the next page:

TYPE OF PLATE	Fee	Est. # of Sets	Revenue 2019-20	Revenue 2020-21
<b>FY20</b>				
Numerical Plate - GPTHF	\$5.00	350	\$1,750	\$1,750
Personalized Plate - DMV CF	\$10.00	150	\$1,500	\$1,500
Personalized Plate – GPTHF	\$30.00	150	\$4,500	\$4,500
<b>FY21</b>				
Numerical Plate - GPTHF	\$5.00	700		\$3,500
Personalized Plate - DMV CF	\$10.00	300		\$3,000
Personalized Plate – GPTHF	\$30.00	300		\$9,000
<b>Total Est. Revenue</b>			<b>\$7,750</b>	<b>\$23,250</b>

The bill allows owners to apply to the country treasurer to transfer specialty plates from one owned vehicle to another. The application for the transfer is \$3.00. The fees are placed in the DMV Cash Fund. The number of transfers is unknown.

Game and Parks Turtle Habitat Fund: The cash fund revenue from the additional plate fees is to be used by the Game and Parks Commission to develop and support turtle habitat programs. It is assumed the Game and Parks Commission will request spending authority for grants beginning in FY21.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 691	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles	
REVIEWED BY: Lee Will	DATE: 1/30/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4175	
COMMENTS: The Department of Motor Vehicles' assessment of fiscal impact seems reasonable given the assumptions used.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 691	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 2/01/19	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's fiscal impact appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 691	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Transportation	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 1/31/19	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: I concur with the Department of Transportation's statement of no fiscal impact is anticipated.			

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 691**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Motor Vehicles

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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	3,600	7,750	7,200	23,250
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>23,250</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

**Program 070**

There will be 80 hours of Programming and Testing for this new plate that can be absorbed within existing DMV appropriation.

Based on 1000 Sets of plates sold each year during the fiscal years 19-20 and 20-21 the following additional revenue will be realized:

FY19-20 – 500 sets – 350 Numeric at \$5 to G&P = \$1,750 and 150 Message at \$40 = \$4,500 to G&P and \$1,500 to DMV

FY20-21 – 1000 sets – 700 Numeric at \$5 to G&P plus 350 Renewals at \$5 = \$5,250 to G& P and 300 Message at \$40 plus 150 Renewals at \$40 = \$13,500 to G&P \$4,500 to DMV

**Program 090** – 500 sets (1000 plates) at \$3.60 = \$3,600 FY19-20 and 1000 sets (2000 plates) at \$3.60 = \$7,200 FY20-21

G&P = Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund / DMV = DMV Cash Fund

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2020-21 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			3,600	7,200
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>3,600</b>	<b>7,200</b>

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 691 Ornate Box Turtle Conservation**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Game and Parks Commission

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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	_____	10,000	_____	21,000
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>21,000</u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The proposed legislation would create a new Ornate Box Turtle Conservation Plate that would be offered to vehicle owners in a similar fashion and price structure as the current Mountain Lion Conservation Plates. Revenues generated would be credited to the Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund, which would also be created by this legislation. Each design would have two types of plates for issuance. Alphanumeric plates would provide five dollars to the Turtle Habitat Fund for each plate issued. Personalized plates would cost an additional forty dollars, of which thirty dollars per plate issued would go to the Turtle Habitat Fund. Applications for the new plates are expected to be available beginning January 1, 2020.

Revenue amounts will depend upon the number of plates issued (# Alphanumeric x \$5, and # Personalized x \$30). These amounts could be reduced if production costs exceed the amount charged.

Based on the recent history of Mountain Lion Conservation Plate sales, assuming a lesser interest level in the new plate option and limited shift in design choice, \$21,000 annually could be realized, with approximately \$10,000 in the first FY since it would only have plates available for a partial year.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

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

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 691**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Department of Transportation

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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	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 691 provides for the Ornate Box Turtle Conservation Plates and creates the Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund. Each application for initial and renewal issuance of alphanumeric plates shall be accompanied with a five-dollar fee which is to be credited to the Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund. In addition, a fee of forty dollars for personalized plates will be collected for issuance or renewal of each plate where 25% of the fee will be distributed to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and 75% of the fee to the Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund.

If the cost of manufacturing these plates exceeds the amount charged pursuant to section 60-3,102, the revenue from the additional plate fee shall be credited first to the Highway Trust Fund to cover the cost of manufacturing with the remainder credited to the Game and Parks Commission Turtle Habitat Fund.

No fiscal impact is anticipated to the Department.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

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	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>