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**LB 1048**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$10,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>			

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

LB 1048 would appropriate \$10,000,000 in federal funds from the State of Nebraska’s Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) for the University of Nebraska to provide to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to evaluate the chemicals released and pollution caused by ethanol production facilities.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB:	1048	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	2/1/22 PHONE: (402) 471-4161
<p>COMMENTS: Agree with University that the bill provides ARPA federal funds.            The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation.</p> <p><b>Technical Note:</b> The language in section 2 of the bill does not provide the level of detail necessary to enact the appropriations intended</p>			

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**LB <sup>(1)</sup> 1048 Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska to evaluate the chemicals released and pollution caused by ethanol production facilities**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS	10,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>10,000,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1048 would appropriate \$10 million in federal funds from the State of Nebraska’s Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the University of Nebraska to provide to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) to evaluate the chemicals released and pollution caused by ethanol production facilities.

The \$10 million in one-time federal funding would be used for studies to determine if environmental, ecological, and human health effects are ongoing. Environmental effects will be evaluated and analyzed by periodic sampling of air, soil, surface water, and groundwater. Similarly, sampling of insect pollinators, vegetation used by pollinators, birds, and small wildlife for contamination and adverse effects will also be conducted.

Human health effects are in the process of being assessed by a survey of households in Saunders County for perceived adverse health effects and future collection of blood and urine samples for analysis of the presence of pesticides. LB 1048 would also fund a medical registry for the residents of Saunders County after the analysis of the initial results. There is an education component to the evaluation of study participants, as well as ongoing assessments and updates of and with study participants. In addition, LB1048 would also include education and training on health issues associated with this contamination for personnel at both state and local health department levels.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<b>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</b>		<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
	0	0		
	0	0		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			10,000,000.00	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>10,000,000.00</b>	