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**LB 1099**

Revision: 01

# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated to reflect AM1895

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	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.

LB1099 creates the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group within the Department of Economic Development LB1099 gives the Governor the authority to select members and gives the working group the directive of drafting a competitive proposal to the US DOE to be selected as one of four regional clean hydrogen hubs authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

AM1895 removes appropriation intent language. As this is a competitive federal grant program, the Department of Economic Development typically hires a grant consultant in order to create and better the proposal. However, it is reasonable that the working group may draft the proposal independent of DED and as such the state would not bear the costs.

No fiscal impact.

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**2022**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 1099**

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

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

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</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:**

LB1099 requires the Department of Economic Development to create the Nebraska Hydrogen Hub Industry Work Group on or before 5/1/2022. The Director of DED is required to appoint members to the work group to include representatives from the manufacturing or industry, the agriculture, transportation, and energy sectors. The work group must also include a representative of a clean hydrogen manufacturer. LB1099 contains the emergency clause.

The purpose of the work group is to develop and submit a proposal to the United States Department of Energy to be selected as one of the four regional clean hydrogen hubs authorized under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58. DED is authorized to contract with private consultants to create the proposal. According the federal act, the grant notice should be posted within 180 days of the passage of the act, (11/15/2021) so the grant announcement would be due on 5/14/2022. Then, the Secretary has one year to choose the regional hub sites.

LB1099 contains intent language to make an appropriation but does not specify the amount. DED estimates that the cost of hiring a consultant to assist with the grant preparation and coordinate the efforts of the work group will be \$250,000. Any staff needs for DED can be handled with current staff.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	\$250,000	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	\$250,000	_____