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**LB 556**

Revision: 00

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2023-24</b>		<b>FY 2024-25</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$750,000		\$750,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>		<b>\$750,000</b>	

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

LB556 creates the Capacity Grant Act and sets administration of the act within the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (DEE). The Capacity Grant Act would allow up to \$250,000 in grants to be awarded to non-profits which administer Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program – Weatherization Assistance Program (LIHEAP WAP) funds. The Capacity Grant Act provides intent for General Funds to be appropriated as needed. Current General Fund appropriation under LIHEAP WAP is \$100,000 per fiscal year. There is no basis to disagree with the Agency’s estimate for increased administrative need resulting from this legislation, nor their assumption that the full amount in grants, less administrative costs, would be awarded pursuant to the act.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 556	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Environment and Energy	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Environment and Energy’s estimated fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 556. <u>Technical Note</u> : The current appropriation language is not sufficient to create an appropriation. The fiscal impact assessment assumes an accompanying A-bill articulating appropriation in accordance with §49-804.			

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**2023**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 556**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Department of Environment and Energy

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

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>750,000</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>                    </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>750,000</u></u>	<u><u>                    </u></u>	<u><u>750,000</u></u>	<u><u>                    </u></u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB556 has intent language to appropriate \$750,000 from general funds annually, beginning in 2023 through 2026, for the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. NDEE may award up to \$250,000, per congressional district annually, in capacity grants to eligible nonprofit organizations who administer the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. NDEE may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Capacity Grant Act along with developing an application form/document for eligible nonprofit organizations.

NDEE anticipates needing .5 FTE to develop the rules/regulations, applications, and administering. This fiscal note assumes the .5 FTE can come from the \$750,000 appropriation.

Note: This fiscal note was drafted on a fiscal year basis. Section 3 subsection 2 states "... each year beginning in 2023 through 2026". Each year could mean calendar year since a fiscal year is not defined. Since this bill has an E-clause on the end, this may have a FY 2023 impact.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Environmental Specialist II	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>25,111</u>	<u>26,366</u>
Benefits.....			<u>8,287</u>	<u>8,701</u>
Operating.....			<u>11,993</u>	<u>10,283</u>
Travel.....			<u>180</u>	<u>185</u>
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....			<u>704,429</u>	<u>704,465</u>
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<u><u>750,000</u></u>	<u><u>750,000</u></u>