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LB 971

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	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.

LB971 amends §37-421 to establish free hunting licenses for Nebraska resident veterans to be used on November 11th, Veterans' Day each year. The free hunting licenses would be obtained after a Nebraska resident veteran (separated or discharged under honorable conditions), submits an application to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has estimated no fiscal impact for this one-day hunt permit. They currently do not offer any one-day hunting permits. The agency believes a one-day free hunt permit to these eligible veterans, would have a negligible effect on their current hunting permits sales. This appears to be a reasonable assessment of the current bill.

*Please note the bill as written only includes a free one-day hunting permit which covers small game (i.e. squirrel, cottontail, jackrabbit, pheasants, quail, prairie grouse, partridge, dove, snipe, rail, woodcock, crow, other webless migratory birds and waterfowl). However, additional state stamps are required based on the kind of hunting. A Nebraska Habitat Stamp (\$25) is required of all hunters, with select exemptions. While those hunting waterfowl also need a Nebraska Waterfowl Stamp (\$10). The Nebraska stamps are valid for the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st.

Additionally, waterfowl hunters would need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp (\$30). Federal Duck Stamps do not hold the same validity dates as Nebraska, and are valid July 1st through June 30th. Federal Duck Stamps may be purchased through the U.S. Post Office, a Nebraska Game and Parks permitting office, or online. This is not a state stamp, as such all revenue from this stamp goes to the Federal government.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 971	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Game and Parks Commission	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Game and Parks Commission's estimate of no fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 971.			

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2024

LB⁽¹⁾ 971 – Free Hunting Permit to Veterans on Veterans Day

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</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:

The proposed legislation would require NGPC to issue a one-day Resident Hunt permit at no cost to applying qualified veterans, to be used only on November 11 (Veterans Day). This permit would be valid to hunt small game and waterfowl with the additional possession of required Habitat and Waterfowl Stamps.

There is currently no one-day hunt permit offered. A two-day Nonresident Hunt permit is available, and in 2023 3,363 of these permits were sold.

It is not believed that this would reduce the number of Resident annual hunt permits sold.

No fiscal impact is included for this bill.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____