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LB 33

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		(\$400)		(\$400)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		(\$400)		(\$400)

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

LB 33 amends the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

Under the bill, nonalcoholic beer does not apply to the Act

Near beer would be removed from the definition of beer and the bill requires that beer does not include nonalcoholic beer. The term near beer under the Act is changed to nonalcoholic beer.

The bill outright repeals section 53-160.02 under which the manufacture, distribution, sale, and purchase of near beer shall be subject to all provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, except taxation provisions, to which the manufacture, distribution, sale, and purchase of beer are subject.

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (NLCC) estimates a reduction of \$400 per fiscal year as a result of a decrease in the collection of brand registration fees credited to the NLCC Rule and Regulation Cash Fund. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 33	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Liquor Control Commission	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Liquor Control Commission's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 33.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Liquor Control Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>-400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-400</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

Explanation of Estimate:

De-regulating Nonalcoholic Beer, formerly called Near Beer, would reduce only the Brand Registration fees NLCC collects. Brands are registered for a one-time fee of \$20 each and NLCC remits these fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the NLCC Rule and Regulation Cash Fund.

At this time there are 100 near beers registered. NLCC is estimating 20 new near beers be registered each year which would be a reduction of \$400 annually being collected. Currently there is no fee for renewing brands.

Expenditures have no fiscal impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				