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LB 513

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Update with AM 1157

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	\$517,262		\$1,024,079	
CASH FUNDS	\$21,574		\$43,211	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$538,836		\$1,067,290	

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

LB 513 seeks an increase to the Chief Justice and judges of the Nebraska Supreme Court salaries. Effective July 1, 2025, their annual salary will be set at \$234,057.56. The following year, on July 1, 2026, their salary will increase to \$243,419.87.

AM 1157 strikes the original 4% increase and replaces it with a 1.5% increase. Under the amendment, the annual salary of the Chief Justice and judges of the Nebraska Supreme Court would be set at \$228,431.18 on July 1, 2025, and increase to \$231,857.65 on July 1, 2026.

The Supreme Court states that AM 1157 increases the salaries of Supreme Court judges by 1.5% each year over the next biennium. By amending this statute, the salaries of all judges across various courts are adjusted accordingly. The estimated General Fund impact includes a total increase of \$505,211 in FY25-26 and \$1,011,847 in FY26-27, covering salary adjustments for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District/Separate Juvenile Court, and County Court.

The Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court states that each judge of the Workers' Compensation Court shall receive an annual salary equal to 92.5% of the salary set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court. As a result, any salary increase for Supreme Court judges also applies to the judges of the Workers' Compensation Court.

The Tax Equalization & Review Commission will also see a salary and benefit increase for its commissioners whenever Supreme Court judges receive a salary increase.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 513	AM: 1157	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Supreme Court	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 4/29/25	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the Supreme Court's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 513 AM 1157.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 513	AM: 1157	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Worker's Compensation Court	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 05/01/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the Worker's Compensation Court's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 513 AM 1157.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 531	AM: 1157	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Tax Equalization & Review Commission	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 05/01/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the Tax Equalization and Review Commission's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 513 AM 1157.			

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Tax Equalization & Review Commission

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ April 28, 2025

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	12,051		12,232	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	12,051		12,232	

Explanation of Estimate:

Salary and benefit increases for Commissioners per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-5004(11)

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-26	2026-27
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Salary Increases			10,465	10,622
Benefits.....			1,586	1,610
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			12,051	12,232

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LB⁽¹⁾ 513 AM 1157

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

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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				
CASH FUNDS	<u>21,574</u>		<u>43,211</u>	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>21,574</u>		<u>43,211</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

As provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. section 48-159, "...each judge of the Nebraska Worker's Compensation Court shall receive an annual salary of ninety-two and one-half percent of the salary set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court..." If the Supreme Court judges receive an increase in salary, the Workers' Compensation Court judges also receive an increase. The "Benefits" increase stated below is for FICA and the Medicare Surcharge for the additional salary amount.

LB 513, AM 1157 provides for a 1.5% increase on July 1, 2025, and a 1.5% increase on July 1, 2026.

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>
Workers' Compensation Court Judge	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>18,736</u>	<u>37,753</u>
Benefits.....			<u>2,838</u>	<u>5,458</u>
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>21,574</u>	<u>43,211</u>

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB513, as amended by AM1157, increases the salaries of Supreme Court judges by 1.5% each year of the next biennium. By amending the statute, the salaries of all judges are adjusted accordingly.

General Fund impact:	FY25-26	FY26-27
Supreme Court	26,838	53,775
Court of Appeals	21,976	44,023
District/Separate Juvenile Court	250,398	501,519
County Court	205,999	412,530
Total	505,211	1,011,847

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Personal Services:

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