

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	\$28,904,669		\$28,910,357	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$28,904,669		\$28,910,357	

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

LB 542, section 2, amends section 39-1304.02 and changes language related to the cost of qualifying utility facilities requiring alteration, change, moving or relocating for the construction of any highway project described within this section of statute. Current law limits such actions relating to the construction of “federal-aid” highway projects. Under provisions of LB 542, the cost of such alteration, change, moving, or relocation, and the expense of acquiring land or any rights and interests in land or any other rights shall be paid by the state as part of the expense of such project.

The Department of Transportation (NDOT) estimates the need for 4.0 FTE to administer the expanded scope of projects contained in LB 542. In addition to increased staffing, NDOT estimates \$28,500,000 of construction costs per fiscal year. While the number and cost of such projects is speculative, there is no basis to disagree with NDOT estimates.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 542	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Power Review Board	
REVIEWED BY: Joe Massey	DATE: 1/24/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4181	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Power Review Board assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 542			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 542

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Power Review Board

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Tim Texel Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 22, 2025 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2301

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	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

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.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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LB⁽¹⁾ 542

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Transportation

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

LB542 proposes the state will cover the costs of altering, changing, moving or relocating qualifying utility facilities for highway projects, except where, legal contracts state otherwise. It provides definitions for “cost” to include the entire amount paid by a utility for such changes. It also defines “qualifying utility facility” to include facilities located in, over, along or under the highways that are part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, state highway systems, or under the primary authority of a county, city, or village. Furthermore, facilities of commercial broadband suppliers and community antenna television services are included in the definition as well.

If LB542 is enacted, NDOT anticipates construction cost of \$28,500,000 annually for utility relocations. To accommodate these relocations would require hiring of three additional Highway Utilities Coordinator II full-time employees (FTEs) and a Professional Engineer I FTE. In FY2025 – 26 an annual salary of \$51,736 per FTE is estimated for the Highway Utilities Coordinator II along with an annual salary of \$89,690 for the Professional Engineer I. The annual salary in FY2026-27 was increased two percent over the FY2025 – 26 base salaries. Operating expenses, such as computer, phone, IT site support, printing, postage, training, etc. will be incurred for the four additional FTEs and is estimated at \$5,000/year per FTE. In addition, travel will be required for the four positions and is estimated at a cost of \$900/year per FTE.

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	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Hwy Utilities Coordinator II (A57542)	3	3	\$155,208	\$158,312
Professional Engineer I (V55012)	1	1	\$89,690	\$91,483
Benefits.....			\$136,171	\$136,962
Operating.....			\$20,000	\$20,000
Travel.....			\$3,600	\$3,600
Capital outlay.....			\$28,500,000	\$28,500,000
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$28,904,669</u>	<u>\$28,910,357</u>