

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised to reflect all adopted Select File amendments.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	72,400	534,200	0	0	606,600
FY2027-2028	69,400	558,900	0	0	628,300
FY2028-2029	71,600	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	5,536,065	0	0	5,536,065
FY2027-2028	0	11,085,065	0	0	11,085,065
FY2028-2029	0	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW

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

LB972 was amended by AM2260, AM2258, FA1026, and AM2288 on General File; containing provisions of the following bills: amended provisions of LB972, LB922, amended provisions of LB1121, LB1104, LB738, LB769, and amended provisions of LB1099. On Select File, the bill was amended by AM2720, AM2844, and AM2999. AM2720 further modifies provisions of LB1121; AM2844 added modified provisions of LB1092; and AM2999 added LB1005 to LB972. LB972 as amended on Select File:

- Creates the Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act to be administered by the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (MVILB);
- Increases board membership from 9 to 11, by adding two additional board members to the MVILB: one recreational vehicle dealer and one recreational vehicle manufacturer;
- Beginning no later than January 1, 2027, has all the board members be appointed by the Governor;
- Harmonizes provisions of the new Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act with the existing provisions of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act;
- Establishes new definitions, rules, and regulations for applicants, recreational dealers, manufacturers, and distributors;
- Adds clearly defined processes and protections into statute for: manufacturer-dealer agreements, handling warranties, ensuring fair trade practices, protecting consumers, dealing with licensing violations/suspensions/revocations/terminations, and for the process to bring civil action;
- Makes changes to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act to include:
 - Adjusts the maximum allowed statutory caps in Nebraska §60-1411.01(1), thereby giving the MVILB the ability to adjust application fees as needed, up to the new caps, for the following:
 - Motor Vehicle Dealer’s license cap from \$400 to \$1,000;
 - Supplemental Motor Vehicle Dealer’s license cap from \$20 to \$500;
 - Dealer’s Agent license cap from \$100 to \$500;
 - Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle, or Trailer Manufacturer’s license cap from \$600 to \$1,500;
 - Distributor’s license cap from \$600 to \$1,500;
 - Factory Representative’s license cap from \$20 to \$100;
 - Distributor Representative’s license cap from \$20 to \$100;
 - Finance Company’s license cap from \$400 to \$1,000;
 - Wrecker or Salvage Dealer’s license cap from \$200 to \$500;
 - Factory Branch license cap from \$200 to \$500;
 - Motorcycle Dealer’s license cap from \$400 to \$1,000;
 - Motor Vehicle Auction Dealer’s license cap from \$400 to \$1,000; and
 - Trailer Dealer’s license cap from \$400 to \$1,000.
 - Increase two dealership fees under Nebraska §60-1411.01(3) as follows:
 - The dealership location change fee from \$25 dollars to \$100 dollars; and
 - The dealership name change (not an ownership change) fee from \$5 to \$50.
 - Synchronize the civil penalty fine amount for a violation of these acts at \$5,000
- Allows the courts to revoke instead of suspend, the operator’s license of a person who has been convicted of motor vehicle homicide under Nebraska §28-306(4)(a), for the same period of up to 2 years which the court may order them not to drive.
- Under §32-1278.01, adds additional requirements before the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can issue bonded certificates of title to an applicant. This would include requiring the applicant to provide proof that the written notice was sent to the last-known address of any party with a secured interest in the motorboat via certified mail with a return receipt requested. The notice must make known that the party’s security interest will be discharged if they fail to respond within 30 days after receiving the notice. The written notice, the certified mail receipt, and any responses received must be provided to the DMV.
- Amends §60-302 of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act by adding a definition of In Transit to mean either a placard or a sticker authorizing an unregistered motor vehicle or trailer to be legally operated on highways. Additionally, the placement of where on a motor vehicle or trailer the In Transit must be displayed, along with what the In Transit should look like and contain.
- Modifies §60-362 to provide both the DMV and the Nebraska Department of Revenue (NDOR) may decide if a resident owner of a motor vehicle or trailer is trying to avoid motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, or registration fees, or sales and use taxes.

- The DMV and NDOR may make this determination by examining whether a vehicle owner owns property, maintains a physical location, or files income taxes in another state where the vehicle is registered. Additionally, the DMV and NDOR may find that a motor vehicle or trailer has been kept in Nebraska for over thirty days, and was initially purchased, operated, stored by a Nebraska resident, thus making a determination on “situs” in the state. These two agencies may make a rebuttable presumption that the Nebraska resident is the actual motor vehicle or trailer owner, who is responsible for the motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, registration fees, and sales and use taxes.
- The DMV or NDOR shall notify the resident that they are required to register and pay these taxes and fees within 30 days of the notice delivery. This bill establishes that if the DMV sends the notice, then the appeal must be made with the DMV; whereas, if NDOR sends the notice the appeal must be made to NDOR. Any Nebraska resident sent a notice of determination, who does not pay the fees and taxes owed, then they will be assessed a late fee of 50% to be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.
- Harmonizes the effective date of In-Transits to be placed on the rear window, a rear side window, or the rear of the vehicles under Nebraska §60-376, to align with switching from two license plates to a single license plate.
- Makes changes in Nebraska §60-378 which would require that Transporters be registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State and authorized to transact business in Nebraska; and allows registered trucks or truck-tractor transporter license plates to be displayed on the front, or if towing a trailer, then the rear.
- Revises the application requirements under §60-386 requiring:
 - The full legal name as defined in section 60-468.01 of each owner; or the name as it appears on the owner's motor vehicle operator's license or state i.d. car;
 - The operator's license number or state i.d. card number of all owners;
 - Plus, one or more pieces of identification listed in Nebraska §60-484 for all owners;
 - A tax i.d. number if the owner is a business entity, nonprofit organization, estate, trust, or a church;
 - If the application is for a trailer which is not required to have a certificate of title as per §60-137, then they must provide either:
 - A properly assigned certificate of title showing a transfer of ownership exists for the trailer; or
 - If the trailer was purchased within the 30 days prior to the application, the most recently issued registration certificate (or a copy) along with a bill of sale for the trailer;
 - If the most recently issued certificate of registration is unavailable, then a county treasurer's office may verify via the VTR System that the seller of the trailer was the last owner of record;
 - If the trailer was not previously registered, then a manufacturer's statement of origin that includes a description of such trailer and all required ownership details;
 - Or a valid military registration document for the trailer issued by the U.S. Government;
 - A SF 97-1 Form, Certificate to Obtain Title for the trailer issued by the U.S. Government; or
 - A completed and notarized untitled trailer affidavit declaring ownership of the trailer.
- Changes §60-4,114 to waive testing requirements for reinstatement of qualified ignition interlock permit holder drivers; who have both:
 - Already passed a driving skills and knowledge test on Nebraska motor vehicle laws; and
 - Completed a revocation period of one year or less relating to such ignition interlock permit.
- No longer requires in-person testing of applicants for Class O or Class M licenses, when the same tests would be waived for online services under §60-4,122.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, directs insurance companies under §60-529, to submit SR-22 certificate filings electronically to certify that there is a motor vehicle liability policy for the benefit of the person required to furnish proof of financial responsibility.
- Modifies the maximum length of a bus, fifth-wheel trailer, travel trailer, or motor home to not exceed 46 feet in §60-6,290.
- Amends §60-6,340 to no longer have the DMV issuing snowmobile safety certificates; while raising the allowable age for the operation of a snowmobile without an accompanying parent, guardian or adult, to be 16 years of age, instead of 12 years old.
- Allows local governments (if they choose) to permit all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-type vehicles (UTVs) to operate between the hours of sunset and sunrise under the following conditions:
 - If within the corporate limits of cities, villages, or unincorporated villages;
 - Headlights must be white and meet the following illumination requirements from the front of the ATV/UTV to illuminate a substantially-sized object, vehicle, or person in the distance as specified:
 - For a single beam headlight at least 100 ft in front (and the high intensity portion of the light cannot project higher than the level of the center of the headlight);
 - For multiple headlights:
 - The upper beam must illuminate at least 100 ft in front;
 - The lower beam must illuminate for at least 50 ft in front; and
 - Taillights must be red and clearly visible from a distance of 500 ft behind the ATV/UTV.
- Amends the distribution of the additional fees required for registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act in Nebraska §60-3,122.04, as they relate to each application for initial issuance or renewal of Military Honor Plates as follows:
 - The \$5.00 fee for alphanumeric Military Honor Plates shall be credited to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund; with the \$40.00 fee for personalized message Military Honor Plates distributed in the following manner:
 - 25% to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund;
 - 75% to the Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund (prior to Jan. 1st, 2027); and
 - 75% to the Military Department Aid Fund (after January 1, 2027).
- Establishes a new Military Department Aid Fund to be the recipient of the plate fees; to be administered by the Adjutant General of the Nebraska Military Department. The fund will consist of plate fees, gifts, grants, bequests, public/private funding, and transfers by the Legislature. The State Investment Officer shall invest the fund, with any interest or realized capital gains credited back to the Military Department Aid Fund.
- Allows the Military Department Aid Fund to only be used for awarding grants by the Adjutant General as follows:
 - No later than January 1, 2027, the Adjutant General shall have established the eligibility criteria, the application form, adopted and promulgated the rules and regulations to allow members of the Military Department to apply if they meet the qualifications;
 - The rules and regulations shall limit the eligible recipients of any grant awarded to be needy uniformed service members of the Military Department; and
 - Nebraska shall not require or request any grant recipient awarded under this section, to reimburse any money received from such grant.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, directs the DMV to create a new alternate Back the Blue License Plate, under §60-3,163.02, which would:
 - Be designed in consultation with associations that represent personnel of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska;
 - The Back the Blue License Plate fees will be credited to the Back the Blue Cash Fund;
 - A new Back the Blue Cash Fund is created, to be administered by the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP);
 - The Back the Blue Cash Fund shall only be used for the NSP to award grants to provide support to: injured law enforcement personnel; the spouse of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel; or a child (under the age of 19) of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel, or to conduct any charitable activity that supports the residents of Nebraska;
 - The fund shall not be used for salaries, equipment, or any costs of the NSP;

- Grants may only be awarded by the NSP to qualified applicants which is defined as an association that represents personnel of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska;
- NSP has authority to make the rules, regulations, and applications for this grant; and
- NSP shall have until January 1, 2027, to make the grant applications available.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, directs the DMV to create a new alternate Blackout License Plate, under §60-3,163.02, which would:
 - Have white characters on an all-black background;
 - The Blackout License Plate fees designated recipient will be the new Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund;
 - A new Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund is created, to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS);
 - Every application whether for initial issuance or renewal, for alphanumeric plates or for personalized message plates, shall have a \$100 fee; with 30% of the fees credited to the Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund, and the remaining 70% credited to the DMV Cash Fund;
 - The Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund shall only be used for DHHS to award grants to:
 - Providers for any upgrade, modernization, renovation, maintenance, and new purchases which are used by a provider for developmental disability services;
 - Transportation fleets supporting or transporting developmentally disabled individuals;
 - Reinforce physical infrastructure or safety features such as safety glass and perimeter security for the protection of any clients or staff of providers;
 - Support clients, staff, or facility infrastructure of providers with technology or remote-support infrastructure such as sensors, smart-home automation features, and broadband infrastructure; and
 - Increase facility capacity or optimize space for developmental disability service clients, including floorplan improvements, and amenity or bathroom installation;
 - The fund shall not be used for general operations or administration of DHHS's developmental disabilities program;
 - DHHS is given the authority to make the rules, regulations, and applications for this grant; and
 - DHHS shall have until January 1, 2027, to make the grant applications available.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, the DMV shall make available two new Choice Color Plates, under §60-3,163.02, which would:
 - Have white characters on a single solid-color background of either green or blue;
 - Have a \$70 fee for initial issuance or renewal for alphanumeric plates, and a \$100 fee for initial issuance or renewal of personalized message plates; and
 - The Choice Color Plate fees will be credited to the DMV Cash Fund.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, directs the DMV to create a new specialty license plate the Honoring Women Veterans Plate, under §60-3,163.02, which would:
 - Have a plate designed in consultation with a nongovernment organization supportive of veterans, which shall include the following:
 - Depict a woman soldier;
 - Include the words "women veterans" along the top of the plate; and
 - Incorporate the words "honoring her service" along the bottom of the plate;
 - Establish a new Women Veterans Cash Fund to be the designated recipient of Honoring Women Veterans plate fees;
 - The fund will be administered by the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be used for events focused on women veterans; and
 - The State Investment Officer shall invest the fund.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, directs the DMV to create a new alternate Scarlet and Cream License Plate, under §60-3,163.02, which would:
 - Have cream-colored characters on a scarlet background;
 - Have a \$70 fee for initial issuance or renewal for alphanumeric plates, and a fee of \$100 fee for initial issuance or renewal of personalized message plates; and
 - The Husker Red License Plate fees will be credited to the DMV Cash Fund.
- Beginning on January 1, 2027, directs the DMV to create no more than three specialty University of Nebraska State Museum License Plates under §60-3,163.02, which would:
 - Have three plates designed in consultation with the University of Nebraska and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which is supportive of the University's education and research;
 - The plates will be designed to reflect support for University of Nebraska managed museums including:
 - Ashfall Fossil Beds;
 - Morrill Hall; and
 - Trailside Museum;
 - Establish a new University of Nebraska State Museum License Plate Cash Fund to be the recipient of the University of Nebraska State Museum alternate plate fees;
 - The fund shall be administered by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska;
 - The fund will consist of plate fees, gifts, grants, bequests, private contributions, and money from any public/private source, to be invested by the State Investment Officer; and
 - Money in the fund is to be used for promoting understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of science and natural history via research, public education, and outreach for these University of Nebraska managed museums.
- Specifies in §60-3,135.01 that the DMV will no longer accept special interest license plates beginning on January 1, 2029. Applications for the special interest license plate and plate renewal will no longer be available after December 31, 2028. Prior to January 1, 2029 replacements for lost, stolen, or mutilated special interest plates will be allowed.

Some provisions of this bill would become effective on October 1, 2026. The provision regarding in-transits, will become effective January 1, 2027, to harmonize with the switch from two to one license plate which passed with LB97 in 2025. The effective date for the provisions related to the various new license plates is January 1, 2027, to allow time for programming changes and the associated new funds.

Expenditures:

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will have programming and testing hours associated with all the new license plates. The agency is able to absorb these costs within their existing appropriation under Program 70. In Program 90, the DMV is estimating the license plate production costs totaling \$521,520 in Cash Fund expenditures in FY2026-27 and \$530,540 in Cash Fund expenditures in FY2027-28.

The LFO has provided a breakdown of expenditures based on data from the DVM below:

LFO's Estimated Expenditures from Plate Production (\$8.20/set)	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
New issuance production of Back the Blue Plates	820	1,640
New issuance production of Blackout Plates	246,000	246,000
New issuance production of Color Choice License Plates	102,500	102,500
New issuance production of Honoring Women Veterans Plates	4,100	8,200
New issuance production of Scarlet and Cream License Plates	164,000	164,000
New issuance production of Univ of NE State Museum License Plates	4,100	8,200
Total Production Cost of New Plates	521,520	530,540

The Nebraska Department of Revenue (NDOR) has indicated they will need to hire one FTE Fiscal Compliance Analyst for implementation of this bill. The estimated salary, benefits, and capital outlay would be as follows: \$72,400 in General Fund expenditures in FY2026-27, \$69,400 General Fund expenditures in FY2027-28, and \$71,600 General Fund expenditures in FY2028-29. The associated PSL would be \$50,700 in FY2026-27, \$52,200 in FY2027-28, and \$53,800 in FY2028-29.

The Nebraska Military Department (MIL) has anticipated \$13,500 in Cash Aid expenditures in FY2026-27 (a half-year), to support National Guard members. With a full year of Cash Aid expenditures in FY2027-28 in the amount of \$30,000. The MIL is expecting the cash aid to rise year over year.

The NDVA had indicated they do not need additional appropriation to be able to spend the revenue from the new Honoring Women Veterans plates. The agency can cover any expenditures with their current cash fund appropriation.

The Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board (MVLB) had noted a minimal fiscal impact for the additional expenses (per diems and such) of two more board members. The agency stated that this can currently be absorbed by their existing appropriation.

Both the NSP and DHHS will have an increase in Cash Fund expenditures for Aid only, which would be up to the amount of increase in Cash Fund revenues their respective agencies will receive from their new license plates.

*** Expenditures for FY2028-2029 are indeterminate as the materials for the production of the license plates cannot be accurately estimated. Mid-year through the FY2028-29, on January 1st, there will be a total system switch to vehicles only having a single, rear license plate. It is unknown what amount of a reduction in production costs may occur, as the total volume of plate production is basically halved. There will be a reduction in costs, but it will not be as low as half the cost, as input materials are generally cheaper when purchased in great volume.**

Revenues:

The DMV has previously indicated that the impact to revenues from catching those avoiding motor vehicle taxes and fees is indeterminate at this time. The agency has noted it is likely some vehicles are registered in other states; however, they do not currently have a way to capture the number.

The LFO estimates that there would likely be an indeterminate amount of revenue to both the DMV Cash Fund and the Highway Trust Fund (if late fees are assessed). The Highway Trust Fund revenue would then be split; with 53.3% allocated to the Highway Cash Fund and 46.6% allocated to the Highway Allocation Fund to be shared by both cities and counties. Additionally, the LFO estimates that there would likely be additional expenses incurred by the DMV to investigate and make determinations, which may include FTEs.

The DVM's revenues from license plates is utilized for program 70. The DMV has provided data on the estimated number of new license plates and the associated revenue estimations. The estimations are either based on historical averages of new license plates, or more specific numbers where the agency can estimate more accurately. Generally, the agency anticipates 75% of the revenue will come from alphanumeric plates and 25% of the revenue from message plates, when the cost is the normal customary pricing. Some of the plates on this bill are being offered under a different fee structure. The DMV's estimation was used in the LFO's condensed estimated revenue tables below:

<u>LFO's Estimated Revenue from Back The Blue Plates</u>	<u>FY2026-27</u>	<u>FY2027-28</u>
Total sets of new issuance plates sold	100	200
Total sets of renewal plates sold	-	100
Combined total sets of plates sold	100	300
Alphanumeric Plates is 75% of plates sold	75	225
Alphanumeric Plates \$5 to NSP Back the Blue Cash Fund	375	1,125
Alphanumeric Plate Revenue	375	1,125
Personalized Message Plates is 25% of plates sold	25	75
Personalized Message Plates \$10 to DMV Cash Fund	250	750
Personalized Message Plates \$30 to NSP Back the Blue Cash Fund	750	2,250
Personalized Message Plates Revenue	1,000	3,000
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund	250	750
Total Revenue to NSP Back the Blue Cash Fund	1,125	3,375
Total Revenue from Back The Blue Plates	1,375	4,125

<u>LFO's Estimated Revenue from Blackout License Plates</u>	<u>FY2026-27</u>	<u>FY2027-28</u>
Total sets of new issuance plates sold	30,000	30,000
Total sets of renewal plates sold	-	30,000
Combined total sets of plates sold	30,000	60,000
Alphanumeric & Personalized Message Plates @ \$100 per set	3,000,000	6,000,000

Total Revenue to DHHS Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund (30%)	900,000	1,800,000
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund (70%)	2,100,000	4,200,000
Total Revenue from Blackout License Plates	3,000,000	6,000,000
<u>LFO's Estimated Revenue from Color Choice License Plates</u>	<u>FY2026-27</u>	<u>FY2027-28</u>
Total sets of new issuance plates sold	12,500	12,500
Total sets of renewal plates sold	-	12,500
Combined total sets of plates sold	12,500	25,000
Alphanumeric Plates is 75% of plates sold	9,375	18,750
Alphanumeric Plates \$70 to DMV Cash Fund	656,250	1,312,500
Alphanumeric Plate Revenue	656,250	1,312,500
Personalized Message Plates is 25% of plates sold	3,125	6,250
Personalized Message Plates \$100 to DMV Cash Fund	312,500	625,000
Personalized Message Plates Revenue	312,500	625,000
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund from Color Choice License Plates	968,750	1,937,500
<u>LFO's Estimated Revenue from Honoring Womens Veterans lates</u>	<u>FY2026-27</u>	<u>FY2027-28</u>
Total sets of new issuance plates sold	500	1,000
Total sets of renewal plates sold	-	500
Combined total sets of plates sold	500	1,500
Alphanumeric Plates is 75% of plates sold	375	1,125
Alphanumeric Plates \$5 to NDVA Womens Veterans Cash Fund	1,875	5,625
Alphanumeric Plate Revenue	1,875	5,625
Personalized Message Plates is 25% of plates sold	125	375
Personalized Message Plates \$10 to DMV Cash Fund	1,250	3,750
Personalized Message Plates \$30 to NDVA Womens Veterans Cash Fund	3,750	11,250
Personalized Message Plates Revenue	5,000	15,000
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund	1,250	3,750
Total Revenue to NDVA Womens Veterans Cash Fund	5,625	16,875
Total Revenue from Honoring Womens Veterans Plates	6,875	20,625
<u>LFO's Estimated Revenue from Scarlet and Cream License Plates</u>	<u>FY2026-27</u>	<u>FY2027-28</u>
Total sets of new issuance plates sold	20,000	20,000
Total sets of renewal plates sold	-	20,000
Combined total sets of plates sold	20,000	40,000
Alphanumeric Plates is 75% of plates sold	15,000	30,000
Alphanumeric Plates \$70 to DMV Cash Fund	1,050,000	2,100,000
Alphanumeric Plate Revenue	1,050,000	2,100,000
Personalized Message Plates is 25% of plates sold	5,000	10,000
Personalized Message Plates \$100 to DMV Cash Fund	500,000	1,000,000
Personalized Message Plates Revenue	500,000	1,000,000
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund - Scarlet and Cream License Plates	1,550,000	3,100,000
<u>LFO's Estimated Revenue from Univ of NE State Museum License Plates</u>	<u>FY2026-27</u>	<u>FY2027-28</u>
Total sets of new issuance plates sold	500	1,000
Total sets of renewal plates sold	-	500
Combined total sets of plates sold	500	1,500
Alphanumeric Plates is 75% of plates sold	375	1,125
Alphanumeric Plates \$5 to Univ of NE State Museum License Plate Cash Fund	1,875	5,625
Alphanumeric Plate Revenue	1,875	5,625
Personalized Message Plates is 25% of plates sold	125	375
Personalized Message Plates \$10 to DMV Cash Fund	1,250	3,750
Personalized Message Plates \$30 to Univ of NE State Museum License Plate Cash Fund	3,750	11,250
Personalized Message Plates Revenue	5,000	15,000
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund	1,250	3,750
Total Revenue to Univ of NE State Museum License Plate Cash Fund	5,625	16,875
Total Revenue from Univ of NE State Museum License Plates	6,875	20,625
Total Revenue to NSP Back the Blue Cash Fund	1,125	3,375
Total Revenue to DHHS Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund (30%)	900,000	1,800,000
Total Revenue to NDVA Womens Veterans Cash Fund	5,625	16,875
Total Revenue to Univ of NE State Museum License Plate Cash Fund	5,625	16,875
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund	4,621,500	9,245,750
Total Revenue From All New Plates	5,533,875	11,082,875

NDOR had indicated there will be no impact to General Fund revenues to their agency, while there will be an indeterminate, but positive revenue impact to the Highway Trust Fund.

NDOT had anticipated an indeterminate amount of cash fund revenue increase from assessing owners of motor vehicles or trailers which they make a determination has been kept in Nebraska for over thirty days, and was initially purchased, operated, stored by a Nebraska resident. The associated motor vehicle registration fees and late fees would be an increase to the Highway Trust Fund. While any motor vehicle sales tax collected would be an increase to both the Highway Allocation Fund and Highway Trust Fund. Additionally, a \$1.50 fee from each motor vehicle registration would be directed to the Recreation Road Fund. Revenue credited to the Highway Trust Fund would then be split with 53.3% going to the Highway Cash Fund and 46.6% going to the Highway Allocation Fund (cities and counties).

Additionally, NDOT had indicated the ending of the special interest plates as of January 1, 2029, will cause an estimated annual Cash Fund revenue loss to the Highway Trust Fund of approximately \$38,000 each year. This revenue loss would be split with a 53.3% revenue loss to the Highway Cash Fund and a 46.6% revenue loss to the Highway Allocation Fund (cities and counties). The estimated yearly cash fund revenue loss would be approximately \$20,267 to the Highway Cash Fund and approximately \$17,733 to the Highway Allocation Fund. The estimated revenue losses would occur half-way through FY2028-29 and beyond.

The MIL is anticipating \$27,000 in Cash Fund revenues in FY2026-27; into the new MIL Aid Fund (for the first half-year of the new MIL Honor Plates). Then, in FY2027-28, the agency is estimating \$30,000 in Cash Fund revenues. The MIL is expecting the cash revenues to rise year over year.

The MIL's rise in revenues, would see a commensurate loss of revenue to the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs' Nebraska Veteran Cemetery System Operation Fund, which is the current recipient of 75% of the \$40.00 fee for personalized message Military Honor Plates (\$30.00 per set of plates). Thus, there is no revenue increase to the state showing in the boxes above as there would not be new revenue coming in to the state, only a switch of where a portion of revenue is being deposited. There would be additional expenditures to the state however, as the NDVA would still need to operate and maintain the facilities within the state veteran cemetery system, in addition to the MIL administering a new aid program. The NDVA will likely have a revenue gain from the new Honoring Women Veterans plates into the new Women Veterans Cash Fund. This revenue would have a like expenditure to support women veterans. However, the NDVA has said at this time the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate to their agency.

The Nebraska Motor Vehicle Motor Industry Licensing Board (MVILB) had estimated \$2,190 in Cash Fund revenues in FY2026-27 and \$2,190 in Cash Fund revenues in FY2027-28. These revenues would be from processing approximately 19 dealership location changes each year (\$1,425 cash fund revenue increase) and approximately 17 dealership name changes (\$765 cash fund revenues).

The University of Nebraska had anticipated a minimal fiscal impact from the University of Nebraska State Museum License plates, as they act basically as a pass-through for these funds.

Both the NSP and DHHS will have increases in Cash Fund revenues as estimated by the data from the DMV. This shall be used for Aid only.

*** Revenues for FY2028-2029 are indeterminate at this time as they cannot be accurately estimated as multiple new changes will all be occurring at the same time. The elimination of special interest license plates, and the elimination of additional revenue from those whom currently choose to pay \$50 annually for a decal which allows for only a single rear plate; will cause a loss of revenues to the Highway Trust Fund, hence less into the Highway Cash Fund (NDOT) and the Highway Allocation Fund (Cities/Counties). We may also see an increase in revenues from the new plate assigned decals coming with the new print-on-demand system, plus any revenues coming from the DMV and NDOR working to catch Nebraska residents avoiding motor vehicle taxes, mv fees, registration fees, and sales/use taxes. The combined fiscal impact of all these changes along with unknown variables is unknown at this time.**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 972	AM: 2720, 2844, 2999 ER 132	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Public Service Commission
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 4/2/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Public Service Commission's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 972 ER 132 AM 2720, 2844, 2999.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 972	AM: 2720, 2844, 2999 ER 132	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 4/2/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Motor Vehicles' estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 972 ER 132 AM 2720, 2844, 2999.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 972	AM: ER132, 2844, 2999	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs'
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 4/1/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 935 ER 132 AM 2720, 2844, 2999.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 972	AM: 2260, 2258, 1026, 2288, 2720, 2844, 2999, ER 132	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Military Department
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 4/2/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Military Department's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 972 AM 2260, 2258, 1026, 2288, 2720, 2844, 2999, ER 132.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 972 ER132 AM2720 AM2844 AM2999

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Motor Vehicles

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Bart Moore

Date Prepared: April 1, 2026
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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-3902

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	521,520	5,533,875	530,540	11,082,875
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	521,520	5,533,875	530,540	11,082,875

Explanation of Estimate:

ER132

No Fiscal Impact

AM2720

No Fiscal Impact

Back the Blue Plate

Effective Date January 1, 2027

Revenue	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Cash Funds	1,375	4,125
State Patrol	1,125	3,375
DMV Cash	250	750

The department estimates we will sell 200 sets of this plate per fiscal year. With the effective date of January 1, 2027, the department estimates that 100 sets will be sold during FY 2026-27. Based on history this will result in 75 alpha numeric plates and 25 message plates. The designated fund will receive 75 plates at \$5 and 25 sets at \$30. This will credit the designated fund \$1,125. The DMV Cash Fund will be credited \$250. For Fiscal Year 2027-28 there will be 200 sets sold plus 100 renewals. There will be 225 alphanumeric and 75 message plates. This will generate \$3,375 to be credited to the designated fund and \$750 to be credited to the DMV Cash Fund.

Blackout License Plate

Effective Date January 1, 2027

	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Cash Funds	3,000,000	6,000,000
Dev Disable	900,000	1,800,000
DMV Cash	2,100,000	4,200,000

The department estimates that 60,000 sets of Blackout Plates will be sold. With an effective date of January 1, 2027, we estimate that 30,000 Blackout plates will be sold during FY 2026-27 at \$100 per set. This will generate \$3,000,000 of revenue that will be credited \$900,000 to the designated fund and \$2,100,000 to the DMV Cash Fund. For Fiscal Year 2027-28 there will be 30,000 new plates sold and 30,000 renewals at \$100

per set. At 60,000 set sold would generate \$6,000,000. The designated fund will be credited \$1,800,000 and the DMV Cash Fund will be credited \$4,200,000.

Color Choice License Plate

Effective Date January 1, 2027

	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Cash Funds	968,750	1,937,500
DMV Cash	968,750	1,937,500

The department estimates that 25,000 sets of Color Choice Plate will be sold. The cost of this plate is \$70 for alphanumeric and \$100 for message. Past sales of plates have indicated 75% will be alphanumeric and 25% will be message plates. With an effective date of January 1, 2027, we estimate that 12,500 Color Choice plates will be sold during FY 2026-27. The calculations will be as follows: (1) 9,375 alphanumeric plates will be sold which will generate \$656,250; (2) 3,125 message plates will generate \$312,500 for a total of \$968,750. The revenue for FY2027-28 will include 12,500 new plates at the same breakdown as in FY2026-27 and there will be 12,500 renewals from the sale of the original issues during FY 2026-27. The total revenue will be \$1,937,500 for the fiscal year.

Honoring Women Veterans

Effective Date January 1, 2027

	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Cash Funds	6,875	20,625
Women Vet	5,625	16,875
DMV Cash	1,250	3,750

History has shown that 1000 sets of these plates will be sold every fiscal year. Due to the effective date of January 1, 2027, we estimate 500 sets of plates will be sold during the first fiscal year. Additionally, history has shown that 75% of the plates sold are Numeric plates and 25% are Message plates. FY 2026-27 Revenue 500 sets – 375 numeric plates at \$5 each or \$1,875 will be credited to the designated fund, and 125 message plates or \$3,750 will be credited to the designated fund, and \$1,250 will be credited to the DMV Cash Fund. Total Revenue for the Fiscal Year will be \$6,875. FY 2027-28 Revenue 1000 sets and 500 renewals – 750 new plate sets issued, and 375 renewals will credit \$5,625 to the designated fund, and 250 new message plate sets and 125 renewals will have \$11,250 credited to the designated fund, and \$3,750 credited to the DMV Cash Fund. Total revenue for the Fiscal Year will be \$20,625.

Scarlet and Cream

Effective Date January 1, 2027

	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Cash Funds	1,550,000	3,100,000
DMV Cash	1,550,000	3,100,000

The department estimates that 40,000 sets of Scarlet and Cream Plates will be sold. The cost of this plate is \$70 for alphanumeric and \$100 for message. Past sales of plates have indicated 75% will be alphanumeric and 25% will be message plates. With an effective date of January 1, 2027, we estimate that 20,000 Scarlet and Cream plates will be sold during FY 2026-27. The calculations will be as follows: (1) 15,000 alphanumeric plates will be sold which will generate \$1,050,000; (2) 5,000 message plates will generate \$500,000 for a total of \$1,550,000 to be credited to the DMV Cash Fund. The revenue for FY2027-28 will include 10,000 new plates at the same breakdown as in FY2026-27 and there will be 10,000 renewals from the sale of the original issues during FY 2026-27. The total revenue will be \$1,550,000 to be credited to the DMV Cash Fund.

University of Nebraska Museum

Effective Date January 1, 2027

	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
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Cash Funds	6,875	20,625
UNL	5,625	16,875
DMV Cash	1,250	3,750

History has shown that 1000 sets of these plates will be sold every fiscal year. Due to the effective date of January 1, 2027, we estimate 500 sets of plates will be sold during the first fiscal year. Additionally, history has shown that 75% of the plates sold are Numeric plates and 25% are Message plates. FY 2026-27 Revenue 500 sets – 375 numeric plates at \$5 each or \$1,875 will be credited to the designated fund, and 125 message plates or \$3,750 will be credited to the designated fund, and \$1,250 will be credited to the DMV Cash Fund. Total Revenue for the Fiscal Year will be \$6,875. FY 2027-28 Revenue 1000 sets and 500 renewals – 750 new plate sets issued, and 375 renewals will credit \$5,625 to the designated fund, and 250 new message plate sets and 125 renewals will have \$11,250 credited to the designated fund, and \$3,750 credited to the DMV Cash Fund. Total revenue for the Fiscal Year will be \$20,625.

Summary of Revenue

	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Cash Funds	5,533,875	11,082,875
State Patrol	1,125	3,375
DMV	4,621,500	9,245,750
Dev Disable	900,000	1,800,000
Women Vet	5,625	16,875
UNL	5,625	16,875

Program 090 - License Plate Production

	FY 2026-27	FY2027-28
Back the Blue	200	400
Blackout	60,000	60,000
Color Choice	25,000	25,000
Honer Women Vets	1,000	2,000
Scarlet and Cream	40,000	40,000
UNL Museum	1,000	2,000
Total	127,200	129,400
Cost per plate \$4.10	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10
Appropriation Needed	\$ 521,520	\$ 530,540

AM2999
No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 EXPENDITURES	2027-28 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Benefits.....				
...				

Operating	521,520	530,540
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Travel		
.		
Capital outlay		
Aid		
.		
Capital improvements		
TOTAL	521,520	530,540

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LB⁽¹⁾ 972; ER132, AM2720, AM2844, AM2999

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 031 – Nebraska Military Department

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Lauren Hargreaves **Date Prepared:** ⁽⁴⁾ 04/01/2026 **Phone:** ⁽⁵⁾ 402 309-8120

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$13,500	\$27,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$13,500</u>	<u>\$27,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

AM2288: \$27,000 revenue anticipated from creation of fund program and administration of program in first year; expected to increase YOY.

\$13,500 estimate for delivered aid in cash 26-27; aid will be dispersed as funding becomes available and applicant requests are received; expected to increase YOY.

This program may require additional resources for administration of aid as fund resources grow over time.

ER132, AM2720, AM2844, AM2999 – No fiscal impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 EXPENDITURES	2027-28 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Benefits				
... Operating				
.... Travel				
. Capital outlay				
Aid			\$13,500	\$30,000
. Capital improvements				
TOTAL			<u>\$13,500</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>

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LB⁽¹⁾ 972, ER132, AM2720, AM2844, AM2999

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Public Service Commission

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Laurie Casados

Date Prepared: 4/2/2026
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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-0252

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0

Explanation of Estimate:

This bill, with amendments, has no fiscal impact for the Public Service Commission.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
... Operating.....				
.... Travel.....				
. Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
. Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB⁽¹⁾ 972, ER132, AM2720, AM2844, AM2999

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe

Date Prepared: 4/2/2026
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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-326-9215

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</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:

LB972, as amended by the amendments listed above, is estimated to have a minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial and court staff education. Any impact on judicial workload due to mediation cannot be determined at this time but is not estimated to be significant. No additional resources required

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
....				
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
....				
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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LB⁽¹⁾ 972 ER132, AM2720, AM 2844 AND AM2999

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA)

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Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 4/1/2026

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 531-220-1433

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	0	0		
CASH FUNDS	0	0		
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0		
OTHER FUNDS	0	0		
TOTAL FUNDS	0	0		

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact any new revenue or expenditures would be nominal.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....				
... Operating.....				
.... Travel.....				
. Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
. Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				