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**LB 283**

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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 283 expands an existing authority for school districts to levy property taxes and issue bonds for capital projects to include energy efficiency projects. Schools are limited to a levy of 5.2 cents for certain capital projects which will include energy efficiency projects pursuant to the bill. Energy efficiency projects are defined in the bill.

The bill has no fiscal impact for the State Department of Education. School districts may opt to use the expanded levy authority to fund energy efficiency projects or to issue bonds for such projects rather than fund or bond for these projects as currently allowed by statute. The fiscal impact is unknown and depends upon decisions by school districts. It is assumed that school districts opting for such projects will have decreased operating expenditures for energy usage pursuant to the energy efficiency project which may impact the amount of state aid provided to a district in the future.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: LB 283 expands the definition of qualified projects to include energy efficiency projects for the Qualified Capitol Purpose Undertaking Fund (QCPUF) as authorized under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 70-10,110. Consequently, LB 283 would permit school boards with QCPUF levies below \$0.052 per \$100 of taxable valuation to commit to bond repayment for up to 10 years. In the current year, there is about \$0.041 in available QCPUF authority statewide, and 163 school districts are not currently using any of the \$0.052 of maximum QCPUF authority.					

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: NDE/School Finance & Organization Services

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation of Estimate:**

This bill would give school districts the authority to levy or issue bonds for energy efficiency projects. Energy efficiency projects may include inspection and testing of energy usage, maintenance to control energy usage, restoration or replacement of energy usage material, architectural and engineering services related to an energy efficiency project or any other action to reduce or eliminate energy usage. A project may generate tax dollars for 10 years at 5.2cents. The repayment of bond principal and interest for an energy efficiency project would be outside of the levy lid.

This bill provides a mechanism for school districts to generate the funds to make a school district more energy efficient. Energy efficient schools may translate into reduced expenditures for the operation and maintenance of a school district.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURES**

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2011-12	2012-13
	11-12	12-13	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefit .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements .....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	_____	_____	0	0

**Fiscal Impact:**

To NDE: There would be no fiscal impact to NDE.

To Political Subdivision: Since the decision to levy or issue bonds is made by the local school board, a fiscal impact to school districts is unknown at this time.