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LB 906

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	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.

This bill would change death benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. The amount is increased from "reasonable expenses of burial, not exceeding six thousand dollars" to "reasonable expenses of burial, not exceeding thirteen times the state average weekly wage ... for the year of death". Additionally, the bill states that if "there is no spouse, child, or other dependent entitled to benefits under this section, twenty-five thousand dollars to the personal representative of the estate of the deceased."

The Workers' Compensation Court estimates no fiscal impact from this bill.

Administrative Services states that in the last 10 years, they have had 5 deaths compensable through workers compensation. This amount can be absorbed by the Workers Compensation Claims Fund. Therefore, the bill does not appear to have a significant fiscal impact on Administrative Services.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

REVIEWED BY	Joe Wilcox	1/13/12	PHONE 471-2526
COMMENTS			
WORKER COMP COURT – Concur with agency analysis.			
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – No basis to dispute agency analysis.			

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2012-2013		FY 2013-2014	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

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

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013	2013-2014
	12-13	13-14	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____	_____

2012 Legislative Bill Proposal Fiscal Note

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL

Bill #: 906

State Agency: Administrative Services

Prepared by: Shannon Anderson Date Prepared: January 11, 2012

Phone: 402-471-4436

Approved by:

Estimate of Fiscal Impact – State Agencies

	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue
General Funds				
Cash Funds				
Federal Funds				
Other Funds				
Total Funds	0	0	0	0

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 906 would require payment of reasonable burial expenses not to exceed thirteen times the state's average weekly wage determined pursuant to section 48-121.02 for the year of death. Additionally, the bill would provide that if there is no spouse, child, or other dependent entitled to benefits, a \$25,000 payment would be made to the personal representative of the estate of the deceased.

In the last 10 years, there have been 5 deaths compensable through workers' compensation benefits. Assuming comparable future numbers the costs under the proposed bill represent an amount that can be absorbed by the fund as it currently operates. Therefore it does not appear that the bill as proposed would have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Administrative Services.

Major Objects of Expenditure

Personal Services:

Position Title:	Number of Positions		2012-13	2013-14
	12-13	13-14	Expenditures	Expenditures
Benefits				
Operating				
Travel				
Capital Outlay				
Aid				
Capital Improvements				
TOTAL				