

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2013-14</b>		<b>FY 2014-15</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	528,685		102,185	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	528,685		102,185	

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

LB 79 changes provisions of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Act and outright repeals the Campaign Finance Limitation Act.

Section 9 of the bill lowers the reporting requirement from \$250 to \$100 for individuals who must be included on campaign statement filings under section 49-1455. Additionally, this section of statute is changed so “election period” means the calendar year of the election.

Similarly, other contribution limits are changed under the bill that will alter the reporting requirements under the Act. These changes cover post-election contributions, primaries, and general election contributions.

Section 38 of the bill requires the State Treasurer to transfer any money in the Campaign Finance Limitation Act Cash Fund to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission Cash Fund. This is estimated to be approximately \$911,275.

Section 39 requires the Commission to develop, maintain, and implement an electronic filing system for campaign statements and other reports. These shall be made available to the public on the Commission’s website as soon as practicable. Beginning January 1, 2016, campaign statements and other reports required to be filed shall be filed electronically.

Section 43 is an outright repeal of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act.

The Accountability and Disclosure Commission estimates the costs to implement the provisions of LB 79 to be \$528,685 in the first year, then \$102,185 per year thereafter. These costs will address items such as printing and website changes, education flyers, one FTE (IT Help Desk Coordinator) and related costs. The largest portion of the costs is \$420,000 to develop and implement the electronic filing system required in section 39 of the bill. The ongoing maintenance costs associated with the system are estimated to be \$30,000 per year.

These costs will be covered by the cash fund transfer required in section 38 of the bill. It should be noted that the transfer is a one-time occurrence and will not cover the ongoing costs for more than about three years beyond the years shown on this form.

The NADC estimates appear to be reasonable.

Of further note, in requesting information to produce this fiscal note, a request for input from the Department of Revenue should have been made. In an oversight, that request never occurred. The Department will likely face some costs associated with programming and changing of forms due to the removal of a check-off for CFLA contribution on income tax filings. That request has been made (belatedly). When a response is received, this note will be update to reflect the Department of Revenue’s input.

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 79 FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision  
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Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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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	528,685	_____	102,185	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>528,685</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>102,185</u>	<u>_____</u>

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

Publications:

- Change Candidate Committee Treasurers Guide- \$300
- Change PAC Guide- \$300
- Change Ballot Question Committee Guide- \$300
- Create Political Party Brochure- \$300
- Create Corporation, Union and Other Guide- \$300

Website: Change content of agency website- \$5,000

Education: Notify and educate filers- \$10,000 in each fiscal year

Electronic Filing: Development or modification of electronic filing program for the following forms: Statement of Organization (Form A-1), Statement of Dissolution (Form A-2), Candidate and Ballot Question Campaign Statement (Form B-1), Political Party Statement (Form B-2), Report of Earmarked Contribution Form B-3), Independent Committee Campaign Statement (Form B-4), Report of Late Contribution (Form B-5), Report of Independent Expenditure (Form B-6), Report of Contribution of Corporation, Union, etc. (Form B-7), Major Out-of-State Contributor Report (Form B-9), Agent's Expenditure Report (Form B-10), and Report of Late Independent Expenditure (Form B-11)- \$420,000

FT Information Technology person: \$41,952.00 plus benefits and insurance, each fiscal year for an information technology/help desk person to assist electronic filers and monitor operation and maintenance of the system.

Maintenance of System: \$30,000 in each fiscal year for maintenance of electronic filing system

Transfer of Funds: Transfer funds from CFLA Cash Fund to NADC Cash Fund- \$911,275

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS 12-13	NUMBER OF POSITIONS 13-14	2012-2013 EXPENDITURES	2013-2014 EXPENDITURES
IT Help Desk Coordinator	1	1	41,952	41,592

<b>Benefits.....</b>			<u>20,233</u>	<u>20,233</u>
...				
<b>Operating.....</b>			<u>463,500</u>	<u>37,000</u>
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<b>Travel.....</b>			<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Capital outlay.....</b>				
<b>Aid.....</b>				
<b>Capital improvements.....</b>				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<u><b>528,685</b></u>	<u><b>102,185</b></u>