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LB 288

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		(See below)		(See below)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		(See below)		(See below)

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

LB 288 would change definitions and guidelines regarding licenses issued under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act. The Department of Agriculture states that LB 288 has the potential to lessen the amount of licensing revenue, but the exact impact cannot be estimated at this time. It is estimated that the total workload of the program would not be significantly altered by LB 288.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: LB 288	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Agriculture (018)	
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Agriculture fiscal note for LB 288 does not indicate any anticipated additional cost to the agency resulting from provisions in the bill, but it does anticipate the potential for certain loss of Cash Fund revenue, part of which was estimated at 10% (or approximately \$4,700 per year), but part of which could not be estimated with the information available at this time. Consequently, total fiscal impact from the bill has not been fully determined.			

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2013-14</u>		<u>FY 2014-15</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	SEE BELOW	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 288 changes how the annual license fee for a commercial dog or cat breeder is calculated. Furthermore, under the definition of a commercial cat breeder and dog breeder each definition is being changed so they have to harbor four or more cats or dogs intended for breeding purposes and produce four or more litters within a twelve month period beginning on April 1 of each year. For fiscal year 2011-12 the department licensed 269 breeders and license fees generated was approximately \$47,000.

Under the change of definition of a breeder, it is projected by including the conjunctive “and” into the definition this will lessen the number of dogs and cats used to calculate license fees due. From information on hand we cannot calculate what the fiscal impact will be, but we project breeder license revenue could be reduced by at least 10%.

It is unknown if there will be a revenue impact for the change in section 2 (3) (e), based on number of breeding dogs and cats owned or harbored by the commercial breeder on the breeder’s annual license renewal date. Breeders would no longer pay based on the average number of dogs and cats housed by the licensee over the previous annual licensure period. We foresee opportunity for licensee manipulation and less enforcement control that the correct fee is paid. Also, it is unclear what the “annual license renewal date” is. Under current law license renewals must be filed on or before April 1st of each year.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2013-14 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2014-15 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>13-14</u>	<u>14-15</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____