

**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>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	(385,000)	(385,000)	(385,000)	(385,000)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(385,000)	(385,000)	(385,000)	(385,000)

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

This bill would change the disposition of indigent defense court fees. The bill has the emergency clause.

The indigent defense fee of three dollars is currently deposited into the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund. This bill would remit such fee that is collected in any county containing a city of the metropolitan class to the county treasurer of such county for credit to the indigent defense services fund for such county. The remaining portion of the fee is credited to the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund.

The Commission on Public Advocacy states that this bill will reduce their funds by \$385,000, or about 35%. Because the Commission is operated entirely by cash fund revenues from the indigent defense fee, a reduction in their revenues would necessitate a reduction in their expenditures. See the Commission’s response for additional information.

**IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** A county containing a city of the metropolitan class could see a revenue increase under this bill. Based on information from the Commission on Public Advocacy, this revenue increase could be \$385,000 per year.

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LB<sup>(1)</sup> 123 FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy  
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>	<u>(385,000)</u>

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

Explanation of Estimate: The Commission is entirely cash funded by a \$3 filing fee and court cost. This bill would reduce dollars currently deposited into the Commission's cash fund and deposit some of those funds in the Douglas County's treasurer's office. This bill will reduce the Commissions yearly cash fund by at least 35%, or \$385,000. This revenue reduction would cause the Commission to reduce staff and expenses thereby reducing the number of cases that can be handled. This would in turn place additional defense costs on the counties because those costs are currently being absorbed by the Commission's work.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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