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LB 536

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	60,000		10,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	60,000		10,000	

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

LB 536 requires the Nebraska Power Review Board to publish an annual report on its website. The PRB must also create an electronic data base available to the public which allows searches and comparisons between all public power suppliers in Nebraska.

The Power Review Board estimates costs of \$60,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 to establish and implement the bill's requirements. These estimates are on the high end of estimates received, but appear to be reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 536	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Power Review Board
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Power Review Board's statement of fiscal impact for LB536 appears to be reasonable. The public utility companies pay an annual assessment fee to the Power Review Board. This fee is an assessment rate multiplied by the industry gross income to produce the cash fund needed to support the Power Review Board's cash fund appropriation. Additional expenses could have the impact of increasing the assessment rate.		

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Power Review Board

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	60,000		10,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	60,000		10,000	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 536 would require each Nebraska electric power supplier to provide the Nebraska Power Review Board (NPRB) with a list of specified information in the form of a report. The NPRB would then be responsible for making the information publicly available through a data base on the NPRB's website. The bill also requires the information to be searchable and to allow comparisons between the information for the different power suppliers. The NPRB's staff has no expertise in computer programming or software applications necessary to evaluate such a project. The NPRB consulted with Nebraska Interactive, which would likely be the entity that would create the data base for the NPRB due to its contract for website development services with State agencies. Nebraska Interactive emphasized that it could only provide a rough estimate range based on the limited information in the bill, and not having the benefit of a project manager meet with the NPRB to evaluate the specifics of the project. Based on previous similar projects and the type of work involved, Nebraska Interactive estimated that the project would cost somewhere between \$20,000 to \$50,000 to develop. It should be noted that the requirement to make the data base searchable and allow for comparisons adds considerably to the cost. The annual maintenance costs for such a project generally run between 10 to 20 percent of the initial cost of a project. The NPRB estimates that there may be some maintenance costs during the first year of the project. To ensure sufficient funding would be available for the project, the NPRB is using the high end of the estimates to avoid the possibility of insufficient funding.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			60,000	10,000
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			60,000	10,000