

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	6,134		5,214	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>6,134</b>		<b>5,214</b>	

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

LB 86 increases the number of members on the Game and Parks Commission from the current 9 members to 10 members.

There will be per diem and travel costs associated with the new member attending scheduled meetings as well as occasional visits to agency facilities. The Game and Parks Commission’s attached fiscal note indicates that the Commission regularly meets 6 times per year with an average of 3 days per meeting (1 day of travel to the meeting, the day of the meeting, and 1 day of travel home). When occasional additional meetings and facility visits are factored in the agency estimates the total meeting costs related to the new member will be \$4,674 annually. On top of this they add the one-time cost of \$920 to purchase an iPad and \$540/year for connectivity service to allow e-mail communication and presentation of Commission action documents. After reviewing the assumptions made by the agency on their attached fiscal note, their estimate appears reasonable.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSES</b>		
LB: 86	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
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COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Game & Parks' statement of fiscal impact for LB 86.		

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 86 FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (Agency 33)

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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	<u>6,134</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>5,214</u>	<u>                    </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>6,134</b></u>	<u>                    </u>	<u><b>5,214</b></u>	<u>                    </u>

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The proposed legislation would increase the number of Commissioners for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission from 9 to 10. A 9th Commission District would be added, transferring some counties currently in Districts 6 and 7 to the new District. The addition of a 10<sup>th</sup> Commissioner would also increase the number of Commissioners needed to constitute a quorum from 4 to 6.

Members of the Game and Parks Commission are reimbursed for all actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 and are allowed a per diem of thirty five dollars for days actually away from home on business of the Commission, not exceeding forty-five days in any one year.

There are six regularly scheduled meeting throughout the year, with an average of 3 days associated with each, thus a minimum per diem expense of \$630 (18x\$35) would be expected (with a maximum of 45 x \$35 = \$1,575). Together with the per diem, travel expenses for each meeting averages approximately (Lodging 2@\$83 (\$166) + meals 3@\$41/day (\$123) + mileage 400@\$0.575 (\$230) so for the 6 meetings a cost of \$3,114 would be estimated. There are also sporadic committee meetings throughout the year that Commissioners get involved with as well as some site visits, which could account for an additional \$930 annually (\$140 for per diem est 4 days + \$790 travel expenses). Each Commissioner is also equipped with an iPad and internet access (\$920 iPad 1 time expense plus 45/mo connectivity fee \$540 annual).

Thus a minimum expense for a new Commissioner is expected to be approximately \$6,134 the first year and \$5,214 annually after that. General Funding is used to support Commission Expenses.

**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>
Commissioner	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>770 per diem</u>	<u>770 per diem</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			<u>1,460</u>	<u>540</u>
Travel.....			<u>3,904</u>	<u>3,904</u>
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<u><b>6,134</b></u>	<u><b>5,214</b></u>