

**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	0 to 3,717			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	0 to 3,717			

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

LB 622 would require seven of the Governor appointed members of the Niobrara Council to have their appointment approved by the Legislature.

If the appointed members are new to the Council they would each be personally responsible for the costs to come to Lincoln to appear before a committee for their confirmation hearing. In this case there would be no expense for the Niobrara Council.

If current members of the Council are reappointed, the Game and Parks Commission has made the assumption that their travel costs to Lincoln would be paid for by the Council under the provision of statute that allows members to be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in carrying out their duties on the Council. In this situation the cost is estimated at \$531 per individual, or \$3,717 if all seven members are reappointed. If a confirmation hearing is interpreted to mean it is a duty of serving on the Council there is no basis to disagree with the Commission's estimates.

Costs could range from \$0 if all members are new, to \$3,717 if all members are reappointed and they are eligible for expense reimbursement. According to the Commission all seven of these members' terms will expire in July 2015, so the potential costs would be incurred in FY15-16, and again every three years.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSES</b>		
LB: 622	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
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COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's statement of fiscal impact for LB622. Current General Fund appropriation to the Niobrara Council is 100% aid paid to the Council based on periodic requests.		

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 622**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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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>3,717</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </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>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,717</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The proposed legislation changes the Niobrara National Scenic River General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for helping to identify the river corridor from the 1996 to the 2007 version. Additionally it would require the 7 members of the Niobrara Council chosen by the Governor to be approved by the Legislature.

Seven members are up for reappointment this July. It is assumed that Legislative approval would require a trip to the Capital and an appearance before a legislative committee (though one is not identified). Members of the council can be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses in carrying out their duties. It is assumed that the approval process would take place while current members/reappointees would still be in their capacity and thus would be eligible for expenses. A new appointee would not be since they would not officially be a member until after the approval process. This may need clarification.

Assuming an overnight trip with lodging (\$83/night/pp) and 2 days of meals (\$40/day/pp), mileage at \$0.575/mi for 640 mile/round trip per/person (Valentine to Lincoln mileage) the total expense could be as much as \$3717. Costs could be less if carpooling is a viable option. These expenses are not thought to be eligible for Federal assistance thus general fund authority would be necessary. Members are appointed for 3-year terms so these expenses would hit again in 2018.

**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>
<u>Benefits.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Operating.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Travel.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Capital outlay.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Aid.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Capital improvements.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>TOTAL.....</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>3,717</u>	<u>          </u>