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LB 1019

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 1019 makes three changes to the statutes involving the Niobrara Council.

The first change would require Legislative confirmation of appointments made to serve on the Council. Assuming that current members who are reappointed would be reimbursed for their travel costs to attend their confirmation hearing the Council's expenditures would increase during those years that there were in fact reappointments. In July, 2018, seven members are up for reappointment, travel reimbursement if all seven are reappointed are estimated to be \$3,700. This estimate includes an overnight stay, meals, and mileage reimbursement. The cost would be incurred during the 2019 Legislative session and fall in FY2018-19.

The second change impacts the amount of assistance that the Game and Parks Commission is allowed to provide to the Niobrara Council. Current statute limits this assistance to administrative support and limits this support to \$50,000 in any calendar year. LB 1019 expands the allowed support to include "budgetary, operational, and programmatic" support and eliminates the \$50,000 cap. Since the statute provides that the Game and Parks Commission "may" provide this additional support it is not believed that this provision will alter the current relationship between the Council and the Commission and will not have a fiscal impact. If the Commission did decide to expand the amount of assistance provided to the Council there would be a fiscal impact, but this is not required by the bill.

The third change requires the Council to electronically submit an annual report on their expenditures to the Legislature. This requirement has no fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 1019	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission	
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COMMENTS: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission's statement of fiscal impact for LB1019 appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1019 Niobrara Council changes

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	3,700	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>_____</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation 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 July 2018. 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 (\$89/night/pp) and 2 days of meals (\$46/day/pp), mileage at \$0.54/mi for 640 mile/round trip per/person (Valentine to Lincoln mileage) the total expense could be nearly \$3700. 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.

Language associated with the Nebraska Game and Park Commission's relationship with the Council is proposed to be modified to expand beyond current administrative support, to include budgetary, operational and programmatic support. It is not clear whether this expanded language is intended to increase the Commission's role beyond the administrative accounting support currently supplied or not. If so, then a fiscal impact would be incurred,

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BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

although unknown since it would be dependent upon the Council's request for assistance and the Commission's ability to provide same. Currently any administrative support (presumed to be staff time for budget submittal and payment processing) provided is limited to \$50,000 in any calendar year. The proposed legislation would eliminate this limit. It is not thought that this limit relates to Aid appropriations granted the Council through the budgetary process.

The proposed legislation would also require the Council to provide the Legislature (Clerk of the Legislature and Chair of Natural Resources Committee) an annual report (due each December 1, beginning in 2016) describing expenditures made pursuant to the Niobrara Scenic River Act. It is presumed that this new requirement would be accomplished at the expense of other duties.