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**LB 912**

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Updated to reflect all amendments adopted to date

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2008-09</b>		<b>FY 2009-10</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 912 as amended changes the definition of “associated hotel” for purposes of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act. Under the bill’s provisions, the associated hotel can be privately owned and must be located within four hundred fifty yards of an eligible facility. Current statute requires the hotel to be publicly owned and within two hundred yards of an eligible facility. AM1927 restricts applications received on or after February 1, 2008 by excluding any publicly or privately owned sports arena with a seating capacity greater than 16,000 seats.

As amended by AM2059, beginning with applications received on or after February 1, 2008, associated hotels may be publicly or privately owned and must be within 450 yards of an eligible facility, measured from the facility but not from any parking facility or other structure.

The Department of Revenue estimates the amended bill’s provisions will have no immediate fiscal impact. According to the Department of Revenue, no additional hotels associated with the Qwest Center in Omaha will be included.

Depending on the location of a new convention center facility in Lincoln, one or two existing hotels would be “captured” within the amended bill’s 450 yard provision. If two existing hotels are captured, it is estimated that up to \$840,000 per year of applicable sales and use tax revenue will be returned to local political subdivisions. If only one hotel is captured, that amount would be approximately half. It is further assumed that a new convention center facility will not be constructed until fiscal year 2012-13. No new hotels are included in this estimate, since any newly constructed hotels do not contribute to current sales and use tax collections.