

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2019-20</b>		<b>FY 2020-21</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$59,188			(\$670,000)
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$59,188</b>			<b>(\$670,000)</b>

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

LB 542 adopts the Firearm Safety Act. The act allows a nonrefundable income tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, for eligible taxpayers who complete an approved firearm safety course. The credit is the lesser of \$100 or the cost of the course. The credit cannot be carried forward and is only allowed once every 5 years.

An eligible taxpayer:

- Must be at least 18;
- Able to lawfully purchase, own and possess a firearm;
- Not convicted of a felony;
- Not convicted of a misdemeanor crime of violence in the previous 10 years;
- Not found to be mentally ill and dangerous person under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act in the previous 10 years;
- Not adjudged to be mentally incompetent at the time of filling the income tax return;
- Not convicted of a violation of a law relating to firearms, unlawful use of a weapon, or controlled substances in the previous 10 years; and
- Not on parole, probation, post-release supervision, house arrest, or work release at the time of filling the income tax return.

An approved firearm safety course must have received a certificate of approval from the Nebraska State Patrol. The State Patrol is required to publish training and safety requirements and adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding firearm safety courses and instructors under the act. The Department of Revenue can adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act.

**Revenue:**

The Department of Revenue estimates the following revenue to the General Fund:

Fiscal Year	General Fund
FY 19-20	\$0
FY 20-21	(\$670,000)
FY 21-22	(\$747,000)

There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

**Expenditures:**

The Department of Revenue estimates a one-time programming charge of \$59,188 to OCIO for mainframe and web development costs. The State Patrol did not respond to a request for a state agency estimate, but the requirements under LB 542 are substantially similar to requirements for safety courses and instructors under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act, and as such, the Legislative Fiscal Office estimates no additional cost to the State Patrol.

