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LB 457

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	299,075		69,975	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	299,075		69,975.	

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

This bill creates an exception to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act for industrial hemp.

The State Patrol indicates their laboratory does not have the equipment to perform testing needed to determine if hemp meets the definition in the bill. The costs for equipment are \$229,100 in FY 20. An additional forensic scientist is needed. The cost would be \$69,975 each year in FY 20 and FY 21.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 457	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 02/08/19	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: Concur with Nebraska Department of Health of Human Services of no fiscal impact			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 457

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State Patrol

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$299,075		\$69,975	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$299,075</u>		<u>\$69,975</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 457 changes the criminal code concerning industrial hemp such that it would require law enforcement to perform quantification testing to determine if a substance qualified as industrial hemp. The Nebraska State Patrol Forensic Laboratory is not currently equipped or staffed to perform quantification testing as outlined within LB 457.

This type of testing is not currently possible with existing equipment. Current best forensic testing methods would require the use of a LC/MS, Liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer at a cost of \$225,000 in fiscal year 2019/2020. We would also require one additional forensic chemist at an estimated cost of \$69,975 (Salary and benefits). Additional capital outlay costs of \$4,100 would be required in the first year of the biennium to cover computer equipment costs and a workstation for the additional staff.

Facility expansion costs will likely be necessary, but are not included in this fiscal note.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
State Patrol Forensic Scientist	1	1	\$51,833	\$51,833
Benefits.....			\$18,142	\$18,142
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			\$229,100	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$299,075</u>	<u>\$69,975</u>

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2019-2020</u>		<u>FY 2020-2021</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2019-2020 EXPENDITURES	2020-2021 EXPENDITURES
	19-20	20-21		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0