

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	(5,150)	(2,300)	(5,150)	(2,300)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(5,150)	(2,300)	(5,150)	(2,300)

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

LB 252 allows the Nebraska Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors to direct applicants for examination to pay examination fees to a third party.

Under current law, applicants pay a non-refundable fee to the Board. This fee currently works as an application fee, a testing fee, and a first year licensing fee.

Current Revenue Sources	
Non-refundable Land Surveyor Fee (\$140 * 15)	\$2,100
Non-refundable Surveyor-in-training Fee (\$100 * 25)	\$2,500
Total Revenue	\$4,600

Not all of the applicants that currently pay the all encompassing, non-refundable fee are approved to take the exam. However, for those that are approved, the Board must pay testing fees to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and the Engineering and Land Surveying Examination Service (ELSES), which currently exceed the non-refundable fees allowed under statute. This creates a situation where the fees from applicants that are not approved are subsidizing the costs of those that are approved to take the exam.

Current Expenses	
NCEES/ELSES Land Surveyor Testing Fee (\$215 * 10)	\$2,150
NCEES/ELSES Surveyor-in-training Testing Fee (\$150 * 20)	\$3,000
Total Expenditures	\$5,150

Under the provisions of LB 252, the Board would be able to establish a non-refundable application fee, direct those that are approved for examination to pay NCEES/ELSES for their exam, and then collect a licensing fee from those individuals who pass the examination. LB 252 would eliminate all examination expenses paid by the Board.

Revenue Sources under LB 252	
Non-refundable Land Surveyor Application Fee (\$40 * 15)	\$600
Non-refundable Surveyor-in-training Application Fee (\$40 * 25)	\$1,000
Land Surveyor Licensing Fee (\$100 * 5)	\$500
Surveyor-in-training Licensing Fee (\$20 * 10)	\$200
Total Revenue	\$2,300

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COMMENTS					
BD. OF EXAMINERS FOR LAND SURVEYORS – No basis to disagree with agency's estimate of impact.					