

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	(see below)	(see below)	(see below)	(see below)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB863 limits the amount of land the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may own to the total quantity of land it holds title to on September 1, 2020.

A direct fiscal impact is difficult to determine as the Commission is limited only in their future capacity to acquire land and may only acquire land on a willing-seller willing-buyer basis. However, if the Commission were to liquidate land in order to purchase or acquire title to an equal or lesser amount of land, the price of the land being liquidated vs. the purchase price of the new land would determine if there is a one-time impact. Additionally, depending on the category of land being liquidated vs. the land being acquired, payment in lieu of taxes as required by 37-335 could lead to an ongoing impact on expenditures.

Additionally, actual expenditures for the fiscal years FY14 through FY19 for land acquisition by the Commission are shown below. The acquisition is achieved through the utilization of a mix of agency cash funds, federal funds and grants, as well as grants from other entities (ex. Nebraska Environmental Trust, Ducks Unlimited). The expenditure average over these six (6) fiscal years is **\$844,218**.

Expenditures Per Year for Land Acquisition					
FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
\$939,800	\$885,000	\$206,859	\$1,873,552	\$1,144,596	\$15,499

If it is assumed the agency would see a decrease in expenditures each fiscal year by the average amount expended each fiscal year, it is permissible (without a reduction in the agency's appropriation in the applicable programs) for the agency to expend those funds "saved" on other activities under the purview of the Commission (ex. Deferred Maintenance).

The Game and Parks Commission has provided a fiscal note (see attached) with discussion on possible indirect impacts. However, no direct fiscal impact is indicated.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 863	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 1/27/20	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's statement appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 863 (REVISED) Limit Commission land ownership

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 2020-21</u>		<u>FY 2021-22</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The Commission may currently purchase, when funds on hand or appropriated therefor are sufficient, or by gift, devise, or otherwise acquire title in the name of the State of Nebraska to sites situated outside organized municipalities, for additional state parks, hatcheries, recreation grounds, state recreational trails, wildlife management areas, captive wildlife facilities, and public shooting grounds and may enter into appropriate contracts with reference thereto. The proposed language of this bill would eliminate that ability after September 1, 2020 if the purchase or acquisition would increase the amount of property the commission owns on September 1, 2020.

This would presumably keep the fee title holdings of the Commission at September 1, 2020 levels. It is assumed that new property could be acquired if an equal amount of currently held property were surplus.

Since current acquisitions are done on a willing seller willing buyer basis the proposed language would eliminate the agency's ability to proceed with future acquisitions without first removing some existing property from its ownership rolls. The result could be a savings to the agency. It could also limit or decrease revenues and increase management costs should the ownership limitations have a negative effect on future use of existing areas and or resources.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
	<u>20-21</u>	<u>21-22</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____