

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2021-22</b>		<b>FY 2022-23</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill would change a penalty for possession under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Currently, the penalty is a Class IV felony: Maximum — two years imprisonment and twelve months post-release supervision or ten thousand dollars fine, or both; Minimum — none for imprisonment and none for post-release supervision.

The bill would change the penalty for possession of a controlled substance constituting only residue as a Class I misdemeanor: Maximum — not more than one year imprisonment, or one thousand dollars fine, or both; Minimum — none.

Possession of an amount constituting more than residue would be a Class IV felony. Residue is defined in the bill.

This bill could reduce the number of persons in prison because it changes the penalty from a felony to a misdemeanor. This could reduce prison overcrowding and save per diem costs for the Department of Correctional Services (DCS).

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS) states that this bill could decrease the number of persons in prison, but the specific impact is indeterminable. The average daily prison population was 145% of design capacity as of December 2020.

If the impact of this bill is to decrease the prison population, then DCS could save on per diem costs. The FY20 per diem cost for an individual inmate was \$10,180 per year, which includes DCS inmates in county jails.

The Supreme Court estimates a minimal fiscal impact.

The Board of Parole estimates no significant impact from this bill.

This bill creates a new misdemeanor penalty and this could impact county jails because misdemeanor sentences are generally served in county jails if jail time is imposed. If the impact of this bill is to increase the number of people serving time in county jails by more than current law, this could result in additional costs to counties.

The penalties in the bill also carry the possibility of a fine being imposed. Any fines assessed pursuant to convictions will accrue to the county where the violation occurs to be used for the support of public schools. It is unknown what this change will have on the amount of fines assessed.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>		
<b>LB: 278</b>	<b>AM:</b>	<b>AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (46)</b>
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/20/2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) estimate of Indeterminate Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 278.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
<b>LB: 278</b>	<b>AM:</b>	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: <b>Nebraska Supreme Court (05)</b>
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/16/2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Supreme Court estimate of "Minimal" Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 278. The Court indicates no additional resources would be required by the Agency to implement the provisions of the bill.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
<b>LB: 278</b>	<b>AM:</b>	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: <b>Nebraska Board of Parole (15)</b>
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/04/2021	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Board of Parole estimate of No Significant Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 278.		

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**2021**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 278**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Lisa Stanton Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 01/15/2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> (402)479-5702

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
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OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 278 changes a penalty for possession under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. The bill could reduce the number of persons in prison. The specific amount of impact is indeterminable.

As of December 2020, the average daily prison population (ADP) was 145% of Design capacity. The FY20 per diem cost is \$27.89 for each inmate, or \$10,180 per year.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**2021**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 278**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Eric Asboe Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 2/16/2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-326-9215

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required.

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Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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**2021**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 278**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Board of Parole

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Rosalyn Cotton Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> January 15, 2021 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402 479-5731

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

No significant impact on budget related to LB 278

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