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**LB 904**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$50,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$50,000,000			

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

LB 904 appropriates \$50,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds to the University of Nebraska to establish an Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Holland Computer Center at its Innovation Campus in Lincoln.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>				
LB:	904	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska	
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/24/22	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: Agree with University that the bill provides ARPA federal funds. The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation.				

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**LB <sup>(1)</sup> 0904 Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Holland Computer Center facility**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Date Prepared:<sup>(4)</sup> 01/18/2022

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

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS	50,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	50,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 766 would appropriate \$50 million to the University of Nebraska from the State of Nebraska's ARPA State and Local Recovery Fund allocation for establishment of a new data center which expands the Holland Computer Center (HCC), while also consolidating the University's data centers at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

This critical expansion of the HCC will also build on emerging research and development partnerships that UNL has established with two different artificial intelligence institutes and offer additional opportunities to leverage current national efforts for a network of cybersecurity research and service facilities. The facility will also offer new infrastructure to support the National Center for Resilient and Regenerative Precision Agriculture, the new USDA facility planned at NIC and the National Strategic Research Institute. This will include infrastructure targeted at artificial intelligence computing and cyber security which will assist in identification and prevention of national security interests and violence towards our US food production facilities. This new capacity will provide enhanced capacity for research and development with key partners in agriculture and food industries, finance, defense, space, cyber security, and medical and life sciences.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-23	2023-24
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
	0	0		
	0	0		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			50,000,000.00	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			50,000,000.00	