

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</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.**

LB1262 establishes the Recreation Area Assistance Act. The bill details the purposes of the act and grants the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) the authority to carry out the act. Also created is the Recreation Area Assistance Fund. The fund would receive revenue from any source. Lastly intent to appropriate \$8 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act is expressed.

As only intent to appropriate funds is expressed and there is no other funding mechanism defined, there is no fiscal impact.

The NGPC provided a fiscal note that details the bill provisions and assumes an \$8 million federal fund appropriation that is reflected as revenue in FY23.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE**

LB: 1262      AM:      AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
 REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver      DATE: 1/26/2022      PHONE: (402) 471-4173

COMMENTS: Disagree with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission’s fiscal impact to the commission as a result of LB 1262. Section 5 Subsection 5 states “It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate eight million dollars from Federal Funds for fiscal year 2022-23...”. Since there is intent language, there would be no fiscal impact to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. 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. Technical Note: The language in LB 1262 does not provide the level of detail necessary to enact the appropriation intended.

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**2022**

**LB**<sup>(1)</sup> 1262 — Recreation Area Assistance Act

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	8,000,000	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>8,000,000</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The proposed legislation creates and funds a Recreation Area Assistance Fund to be administered by NGPC. The funds are \$8M of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, pursuant to ARPA, and any donations. The monies are to be used to improve lakes or reservoirs at least 3,000 but no more than 20,000 surface acres in size, and the area surrounding the lake or reservoir. Suggested applicable projects include new or refurbished boat docks, improved roads, internet and telecommunications, etc., as listed out in Section 4. The funds would be made available in the current fiscal year, and are not subject to any fiscal-year limitation or lapse provision of unexpended balance at the end of any fiscal year or biennium. The Legislature can direct to make transfers from the fund to the General Fund.

With the size limitations, this bill applies to the following NGPC areas: Calamus SRA, Sutherland SRA and Swanson Reservoir SRA. The fiscal impact will be dependent upon the final scope of the projects and available funding within the dedicated fund. The addition of this funding would replace/supplement Cash Funds, allowing for additional projects to be funded.

It is noted that while development costs seem to be addressed in the proposed legislation, no mention of ongoing operational costs is addressed. Since certain projects could expand current operations in the eligible areas, it can be anticipated that additional staffing (PSL) could be necessary as well as operational costs (utilities, supplies, materials, etc.) but they would likely occur outside the reporting scope of this note.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>