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LB 735

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$43,000		\$44,200	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$43,000		\$44,200	

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

LB735 amends the Nebraska Apiary Act to direct the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) to create a working group within the University of Nebraska, creates the Nebraska Stewardship Program, requires NDA to submit a report to the Legislature, and sets direction of the working group, program, and report. NDA's fiscal impact appears reasonable, as is the request for General Funds for this legislation as the fund balance within the State Apiary Cash Fund is insufficient.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 735	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Agriculture	
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/26/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Agriculture's estimated fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 735.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 735	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State College System	
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/20/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska State College System's estimate of no fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 735.			

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Ashley Dempsey Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/19/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-429-2487

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$43,000		\$44,200	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$43,000</u>		<u>\$44,200</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill creates the Nebraska Stewardship Program, “as part of the program, the department shall establish and maintain a mandatory beekeeping registry.” The department could post field maps submitted by beekeepers on the website at a minimal cost, not utilizing GIS or any other mapping software. BeeCheck, a voluntary apiary registry by FieldWatch for those who sell a portion of their crop or have at least 5 hives, is currently available in Nebraska and there is an opportunity to expand for the mandatory requirement laid out in the bill. The costs associated with expansion is unknown and could be provided in the legislative report required to be filed by February 1, 2024.

The department will create a work group that will provide recommendations on what action can be taken to reduce chemical exposure to bees. A 0.5 FTE Agriculture Program Specialist will be needed to establish and administer the program, they will also work with the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) to digitize museum collections on bees. The cost associated with digitizing information is not reflected in the estimate as it is unknown and may be covered by NSHS. There will be operational and travel costs for the specialist and possibly the work group.

Revenue into the State Apiary Cash Fund is for certificates issued at a beekeepers request as provided for in 81-2,273. Since July 1, 2018, the fund has received a total of \$450 in fees for issuing three certificates.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Agriculture Program Specialist	0.5	0.5	\$24,000	\$25,200
Benefits.....			\$10,000	\$10,000
Operating.....			\$7,000	\$7,000
Travel.....			\$2,000	\$2,000
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$43,000	\$44,200

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State College System

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Monte Kramer Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/19/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2507

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</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:

No fiscal impact.

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Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____