

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		See Below		\$1,900,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		See Below		\$1,900,000

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

LB 434 changes fees charged by the Fire Marshal.

The following fee changes are included in LB 434:

Fee Type	Old Rate	New Rate
Fireworks display permit	\$10	\$100
Fireworks Distributor’s License	\$500	\$1,000
Fireworks Jobber’s License	\$200	\$400
Fireworks Retailer’s License	\$25	\$100
Fire Alarm Inspections	NTE \$100	NTE \$200
State Fire Code inspection and compliance, late submittal	\$50	50% of Projected cost
Fire Safety Inspections	\$25-\$150	\$50-\$300
Plan Reviews*	NTE \$500	NTE \$10,000
Plan Reviews for accessibility standards and specifications	NTE \$250	NTE \$5,000
Water Based Fire Protection Certificate (and renewals)	NTE \$100	NTE \$200
Tank Registration for farm or residential (one-time fee)	\$5	\$10
Tank Installation Permit	\$50	\$75
Tank Registration Permit (annual)	\$30	\$60

*Effective July 1, 2026

NTE = Not to exceed

The Fire Marshal estimates the total additional cash fund revenue from the fee changes to be \$1,900,000 annually. The projections are based on historical data. There is no basis to disagree with these estimates.

The Fire Marshal estimates additional cash fund revenue in FY27. LB 434 has no effective date, therefore, increased revenue should be realized in FY26. This is true for all proposed fee changes except for Plan Reviews, which are specified to be increased July 1, 2026 (FY27). It is assumed that the bill’s enactment will result in an effective date of 90 days after the end of the Legislative Session. The result will be an undetermined amount of Cash Fund revenue in FY26.

The Fire Marshal also estimates a General Fund revenue decrease of \$2,500,000 in FY27. From their submitted narrative, it appears as though the Fire Marshal’s intent is to show a General Fund expenditure reduction. LB 434 does not affect General Fund revenue.

LB 434 only addresses fees and, therefore, Cash Fund revenue increases. Once Cash Fund revenue increases are realized, the ability to shift funding to reduce General Fund reliance and increase Cash Fund reliance is possible. That can be addressed through the normal budget and/or midbiennium budget adjustment processes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 434	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State Fire Marshal	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 3/4/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the State Fire Marshal's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 434. The amounts shown in the "Revenue" columns are related to appropriations of the agency.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 434

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ State Fire Marshal

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	- 2,500,000
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	1,900,000
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>-600,000</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 434 was introduced on behalf of the State Fire Marshal Agency to allow for increased revenue generated by the services provided by the Agency. The amounts generated are based on increases in inspection fees, increased registration fees, increased licensing fees, and increased fees for the review of submitted plans, blueprints, and shop drawings. Many of the fee/registration/licensing amounts listed within the bill are being doubled. The projected increase from these is approximately \$500,000 and the remaining projected increase to the \$1.9 million will come from the increase in the sliding scale associated with the plans review process. All these amounts are projections based on historical data as all items are based solely on requests and submittals received by the Agency. The \$2.5 million decrease will be included in the general budget bill for Umbrella program 193.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____