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LB 130

Revision: 00 FISCAL NOTE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)								
	FY 202	5-26	FY 2026-27					
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE				
GENERAL FUNDS		See below						
CASH FUNDS								
FEDERAL FUNDS								
OTHER FUNDS		See below						
TOTAL FUNDS								

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

LB 130 amends section 77-4602 regarding automatic transfers to the Cash Reserve Fund from the General Fund if actual fiscal year net receipts exceed estimated net receipts (certified forecast). LB 130 reinstates a similar formula to that previously enacted in LB 638 (2019), which was in effect for FY2023-24.

Current forecasted net receipts for FY25 are \$100 million more than certified forecast (certification in October of 2024 under 77-4603(2)). Under current law, this \$100 million is to be credited to the Cash Reserve Fund.

Under this bill, this \$100 million is the amount calculated under subsection (3)(a)(i). The calculation in subsection (3)(a)(ii) is estimated at this time to be a negative number. Under subsection (3)(b), \$100 million would be transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund at the beginning of FY2025-26.

However, the language in subsection (3)(d) operates as a cap on the amount that would be automatically transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund, reducing the transfer so that the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund does not exceed 16% of total budgeted General Fund expenditures, excluding any reappropriated amounts or encumbrances. For purposes of this fiscal note, we utilize the General Fund new appropriations for FY2025-26 on the current General Fund financial status (\$5.569 billion) and the estimated balance of the Cash Reserve Fund on July 1, 2025 (\$877.2 million). The estimated balance in the Cash Reserve Fund on July 1, 2025, at this point in time, is 15.75% of FY2025-26 General Fund new appropriations. The transfer from the General Fund would be reduced from \$100 million to \$13.9 million, a reduction of \$86.1 million, so the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund does not exceed 16% of FY2025-26 General Fund new appropriations. The \$86.1 million would be retained in the General Fund.

At this point in time, there is no fiscal impact for future fiscal years as there is no estimate that actual revenue would exceed the revenue forecast and a certified forecast under 77-4601 is not completed for each fiscal year until the beginning of such year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE						
LB: 130 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State Treasurer						
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Yang DATE: 1/17/2025 PHONE: (402) 471-4178						
COMMENTS: The State Treasurer assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 130 appears reasonable.						

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE						
LB: 130	LB: 130 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Revenue					
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Yang DATE: 3/10/2025 PHONE: (402) 471-4178						
COMMENTS: The Department of Revenue assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 130 appears reasonable.						

State Agency Estimate								
State Agency Name: Department of Revenue Date Due LFO:								
Approved by: James R. Kamm		Date Prepared:	03/07/2025		Phone: 471-5896			
	<u>FY 202</u>	25-2026	FY 2020	6-2027	<u>FY 202</u>	7-2028		
	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue		
General Funds		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0		
Cash Funds								
Federal Funds								
Other Funds								
Total Funds		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0		

LB 130 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-4602(3)(a) to require the Tax Commissioner to determine the following with 15 days after the end of each fiscal year:

- (i) Actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year minus estimated General Fund net receipts for such fiscal year as certified under §§ 77-4601 and 77-4603; and
- (ii) 50% of the product of actual General Fun net receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year times the difference between the annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net receipts for the most recently completed fiscal year and the average annual percentage increase in the actual General Fund net receipts over the 20 previous fiscal years, excluding the year in which the annual percentage change in actual General Fund net receipts is the lowest.

If the number under section 77-4602(3)(a)(i) is a positive number, the Tax Commissioner must immediately certify the greater of the two numbers determined under subdivision (3)(a) to the Director of Administrative Services. The State Treasurer must transfer the certified amount from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund upon certification by the director. The transfer must be made as follows:

- (i) An amount equal to the amount determined under subdivision (3)(a)(i) must be transferred immediately; and
- (ii) The remainder, if any, must be transferred by the end of the subsequent fiscal year.

If the required transfer causes the Cash Reserve Fund balance to exceed 16% of the total budgeted General Fund expenditures, excluding any reappropriated amounts or encumbrances, for the current fiscal year, such transfer must be reduced so that the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund does not exceed such amount.

Nothing in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-4602(3), as amended by LB 130, prohibits the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund from exceeding 16% of the total budgeted General Fund expenditures, excluding any reappropriated amounts or encumbrances, each fiscal year if the Legislature determines it is necessary to prepare for and respond to budgetary requirements which may include, but are not limited to, capital construction projects and responses to emergencies.

LB 130 is estimated to have no impact on the General Fund revenues and no cost to the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

Major Objects of Expenditure									
<u>Class Code</u>	Classification Title	25-26 <u>FTE</u>	26-27 <u>FTE</u>	27-28 <u>FTE</u>	25-26 <u>Expenditures</u>	26-27 <u>Expenditures</u>	27-28 <u>Expenditures</u>		
Benefits									
Operating Costs									
	Travel								
Capital Outlay									
	Capital Improvements								
Total									

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LB ⁽¹⁾ 130				I	FISCAL NOTE
State Agency OR Po	litical Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾	State Treasurer			
Prepared by: ⁽³⁾	Jason Walters	Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾	January 15, 2025	Phone: ⁽⁵⁾	402-471-2793
	ESTIMATE PROVI	DED BY STATE AGEN	ICY OR POLITICAL		ION
	FY 6	2025-26		FY 2026-	-97
	EXPENDITURES	<u>REVENUE</u>	EXPENDITU		REVENUE
GENERAL FUND	S				
CASH FUNDS					
FEDERAL FUND	s				
OTHER FUNDS		_			
TOTAL FUNDS					

Explanation of Estimate:

The State Treasurer's Office doesn't expect any fiscal impact from LB 130 to the office.

<u>BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE</u>									
Personal Services:									
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF 25-26	POSITIONS 26-27	2025-26 EXPENDITURES	2026-27 EXPENDITURES					
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Benefits									
Operating									
Travel									
Capital outlay									
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Capital improvements									
TOTAL									