

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2025-26</b>		<b>FY 2026-27</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.**

LB562 modifies several Nebraska state statutes related to permits and stamps issued by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) as follows:

1. Increases the fees for resident annual motor vehicle park entry permits from \$35 to \$50;
2. Adjusts the non-resident annual motor vehicle park entry permit fees from \$60 to instead be double the resident fee;
3. Raises the temporary resident motor vehicle park entry permit fees from \$7 to \$10;
4. Increases the non-resident temporary motor vehicle park entry permit fees to be twice the resident fee;
5. Adjusts the eligibility of landowners for limited elk hunting permits;
6. Changes the number of additional mountain sheep permits which may be auctioned from one to two, with the stipulation that the number of additional permits cannot exceed the number of those originally awarded in the random drawing auction;
7. Removes outdated electronic permit issuance provisions;
8. Allows for county offices, private persons, firms, or corporations acting as a designated permit issuing agent on behalf of NGPC, the ability to collect an issuing fee; and
9. Raises the maximum cap from \$15 to \$30 for the cost an aquatic invasive species stamp purchased by owners of motorboats not registered in Nebraska.

The NGPC has indicated that increasing of the fee caps and changing issuing fees will not cause a fiscal impact to the agency; until such time as the NGPC would hold future public hearings and a vote in favor of any fee changes.

There is no reason to disagree with the NGPC's estimation of no fiscal impact at this time.

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**2025**

**LB**<sup>(1)</sup> 562 — Change provisions relating to permits and stamps issued by the Game and Parks Commission

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

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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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The proposed legislation would increase the maximum amount the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission could charge for park entry permits and AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) stamp, reference the park entry permit issue fee, and clarify the number of auction tags for bighorn sheep.

Section 1 addresses changing the cap for annual and temporary (daily) resident and nonresident vehicle park entry permits. It should be noted that a duplicate annual permit fee is dependent upon the fee of the annual, so while not specifically addressed it will be impacted. The proposed language would increase the resident annual vehicle park entry permit cap fee from \$35 to a maximum of \$50. The temporary resident vehicle park entry permit cap fee would be raised from \$7 to a maximum of \$10. The statutes would subsequently increase the fee cap for the annual permit for a nonresident motor vehicle park entry permit from \$70 to a maximum of \$100 and the duplicate annual nonresident vehicle park entry permit cap fee from \$35 to a maximum of \$50. The temporary nonresident licensed vehicle permit cap fee would be raised from \$14 to a maximum of \$20.

Section 2 references the issuing fee identified in state statute 37-406 that covers the Game Law which includes Parks. The change will simplify statutes and allow the Commission to increase the issuing fees in the future for resident and nonresident vehicle park entry permits.

Section 3 would allow the Game and Parks Commission to issue up to two auction tags for bighorn sheep and clarifies the number of action tags may not exceed the number awarded to residents.

Section 4 includes language to clarify who can apply for a limited permit to hunt elk in Nebraska.

Section 5 Addresses changing the cap on nonresident aquatic invasive species (AIS) stamp from \$15 to \$25.

The increasing of the permit fee caps and changes to the issuing fees for vehicle park entry permits does not cause a fiscal impact without Commission action. Public hearings and a Commission vote would be required if any increases are deemed necessary for future calendar years.

**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.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>