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LB 98

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	2,080,832	2,080,832	2,080,832	2,080,832
FEDERAL FUNDS	See below	See below	See below	See below
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	2,080,832	2,080,832	2,080,832	2,080,832

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 98 as amended would extend statutory authority and funding for the Riparian Vegetation Management program in the Department of Agriculture. Current law sunsets the program on June 30, 2009; LB 98 would extend the sunset date to June 30, 2013.

LB 98 provides in legislative intent that \$2,000,000 be appropriated annually for the management of vegetation within or within 100 feet of the banks of a natural stream. A fund source for the appropriation is not specified in legislative intent. A transfer of \$500,000 from the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund to the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Species Assistance Fund is authorized to occur on July 1, 2009, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible. LB 98 also directs the Department of Agriculture to apply for grant funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the USDA.

Assuming that funding is received from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and deposited in the Noxious Weed and Invasive Species Assistance Fund to supplement the transfer from the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund, expenditures of \$2,000,000 cash funds for state aid and \$80,832 cash funds for administrative expenses would occur in both FY09-10 and FY10-11. Federal fund expenditures are also possible for program costs; because it is not known when a federal grant will be awarded, the amount of federal expenditures can not be estimated at this time.