

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0

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

LB759 would make the following amendments:

- Amend 46-1217 to include the Chief Water Officer of Department of Water, Environment and Energy (DWEE) on the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board;
- Amend 58-712 to strike an obsolete reference to Department of Environment and Energy (DEE) and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 61-303 to grant additional powers to DWEE relating to the Perkins County Canal Project;
- Amend 73-813 to strike an obsolete reference to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-1561 to strike the distribution of funds from the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund based upon a percentage set by an annual meeting of the Environmental Quality Council after a public meeting;
- Amend 81-1586 to strike an obsolete reference to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-1587 to strike an obsolete reference to DEQ and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-15,102 to strike obsolete references to DEQ and replace with DWEE and strike the Regulation and Licensure division of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS);
- Amend 81-15,123 to strike an obsolete reference to DEE and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-15,124.01 to strike an obsolete reference to DEE and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-15,124.02 to strike an obsolete reference to DEE and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-15,196 to strike an obsolete reference to DEE and replace with DWEE;
- Amend 81-15,313 to strike a obsolete references to DEE and replace with DWEE; and
- Amend 81-15,315 to strike a obsolete references to DEE and replace with DWEE.

No fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 759	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Water, Energy, and Environment
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB759.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 759

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Water, Energy, and Environment

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

This bill includes clean-up language related to LB317 (2025), a bill to merge the Department of Environment and Energy and the Department of Natural Resources into the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. Such changes address technical corrections to ensure statutes accurately reflect the new department name and are consistent with the original intent of LB317. Other changes, including changes to the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund and the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board, are administrative in nature and have no fiscal impact on the agency.

The bill also amends authorities in Chapter 61 related to the Perkins County Canal Project by granting the Department limited statutory authority to enter land for the narrow purpose of conducting surveys and performing related geotechnical work necessary for the project. Implementation of these provisions does not create any impact on agency budget or operations costs, and the ability to conduct timely data collection necessary to advance design work for the project more efficiently creates an undeterminable cost-savings during project implementation due to the reduced need for condemnation proceedings for temporary access or to negotiate costly land access agreements.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Benefits.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Travel.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Aid.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital improvements.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>