

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.

LB 898 amends statute regarding the Open Meetings Act

It allows all public bodies to hold virtual meetings at least half of the time and outlines requirements for those meetings. It allows certain public bodies to hold virtual meetings more than half the time.

Some agencies may experience some savings if they change to virtual meetings. These savings may be realized in the next budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 2/2/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: DHHS' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 898 appears reasonable.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State Historical Society	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 1/20/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: The State Historical Society's assessment of fiscal impact from LB 898 appears reasonable.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Motor Vehicle Licensing Board	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 1/16/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 898.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 1/14/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 898 appears reasonable.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Public Service Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 1/12/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Public Service Commission's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 898.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Power Review Board	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 1/12/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Power Review Board's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 898.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Real Property Appraiser Board	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton		DATE: 1/9/2026	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: The Real Property Appraiser Board's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 898 appears reasonable.			

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 2-2-2026

Phone: (5) 471-6719

FY 2026-2027

FY 2027-2028

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Return by date specified 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

There is no fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services.

For questions regarding the content of this note, contact Abbie Ferguson.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027	2027-2028
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0

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Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Christina Peters Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1-9-2026 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (402) 471-5403

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

No Fiscal Impact.

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

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska State Historical Society

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Daryl Bohac

Date Prepared: 01/20/2026
⁽⁴⁾

Phone: 402-471-6661
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	(\$3776)		(\$3776)	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

By allowing greater flexibility in using virtual conferencing means for the boards and commissions supported by the Nebraska State Historical Society, it is estimated that costs related to mileage and per diem would be reduced. However, it is difficult to estimate what those savings would be given variable frequency of meetings for each board and commission. For example, for the Nebraska State Historical Society Board of Trustees over the past three fiscal years the society spent \$10,958 in lodging expenses and another \$4,148 in mileage expenses, or an average of approximately \$5000 per year. Assuming one of four meetings was held in person, a maximum cost savings of approximately \$3776 could be realized, assuming costs remain static.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Josh Eickmeier

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/15/26

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2148

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
Personal Services:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27	2027-28
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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Prepared by: (3) Tim Texel Date Prepared: (4) January 12, 2026 Phone: (5) 402-471-2301

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact. Although the bill would amend two statutes that specifically pertain to the Power Review Board (PRB) in Chapter 70, article 10, it is the PRB's reading that the changes to the PRB statutes are only to update a citation to align with the proposed changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411, which appear to be the focus of the bill. The changes to § 84-1411 would not have a fiscal impact on the PRB.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Public Service Commission

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Laurie Casados Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/12/2026 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-0252

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				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

This bill has no fiscal impact for the Public Service Commission.

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>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Tyler Kohtz

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 8, 2026

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-9025

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

Generally, the fiscal impact of this bill is not known as it is not clear as to whether the legislation would apply to the Board with two of its five members appointed being at-large. It is also not known how the Board would react to the additional availability for virtual conferencing. There is no expected fiscal impact as of this date.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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