

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 900 amends section 77-1720 to change the fee for issuing each warrant from \$2 to \$20 and removes the \$1 for levy.

The bill removes the language that when the officer has more than one warrant in his or her hands for service, he or she shall charge only for the mileage actually and necessarily traveled in serving all of the warrants, in which case the mileage so charged shall be prorated among such warrants.

The bill also changes commission on all taxes collected by distress and sale. The \$0.10 commission occurs on all sums not exceeding \$500, a change from \$100. The \$0.08 commission occurs on all sums exceeding \$500, a change from \$100.

The operative date for this bill is three months after the adjournment of the Legislature.

The Department of Revenue estimates minimal costs to implement the bill. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office estimates an increase of \$15,470 per year as a result of the fee change to \$20.

The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) estimates an average annual increase of \$205,380. The removal of the \$1 levy is not factored in to their calculations. Thus, with a \$2 fee for each warrant plus \$1 levy for a total of \$3 under current statute changing to \$20 for each warrant under the bill this is an increase of \$193,970 each year based on data NACO discussed.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 900	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Revenue	
REVIEWED BY:	Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 1/16/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Revenue's estimate of minimal fiscal impact as a result of LB 900.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 900	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	
REVIEWED BY:	Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 1/15/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office estimated revenue as a result of LB 900. Technical Note: The General Funds reflected on the fiscal note are not State General Funds.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 900	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Association of County Officials	
REVIEWED BY:	Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 1/14/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Association of County Officials estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 900.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 900

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Lancaster County Sheriff's Office

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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> </u>	<u>\$15,470</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$15,470</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u>\$15,470</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$15,470</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

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Over the course of the two previous years, our office satisfied an average of 910 distress warrants a year. At the current rates under NRS 77-1720 of \$3 total per distress warrant, our office collected an average of \$2,730 each year in fees that were turned over to the Lancaster County Treasurer's Office. Using the same average numbers but with the \$20 total per distress warrant proposed under LB900 instead of the previous \$3, it would increase that revenue by an average of \$15,470 a year.

Calculations:

2024/2025 average distress warrants satisfied were 910 a year.

Current statute average revenue is \$2,730 collected (\$1 levying fee + \$2 issuing fee = \$3 each).

Proposed statute average revenue is \$18,200 collected (\$0 levying fee + \$20 issuing fee = \$20 each).

That is an average increase in revenue of \$15,470 a year.

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

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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

We examined county budget data from the State Auditor to create a two-year average (FY2022/2023) for the number of distress warrants, existing revenue (based on the current \$2 fee), and projected revenue (based on the proposed \$20 fee) for all 93 counties. Currently, Nebraska counties report an annual average of 11,410 distress warrants and \$22,820 in revenue from the current \$2 fee. If this fee were increased to \$20, this would generate a total of \$228,200, an average annual revenue increase of \$205,380. Small counties (< 5,000 residents) would see an average annual revenue increase of approximately \$299 annually, medium counties (5,000-50,000 residents) would see an average annual revenue increase of approximately \$1,429 annually, and large counties (> 50,000 residents) would see an average annual revenue increase of approximately \$24,352.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

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.....				

State Agency Estimate

State Agency Name: Department of Revenue

Date Due LFO:

Approved by: James R. Kamm

Date Prepared: 01/16/2026

Phone: 471-5896

	<u>FY 2026-2027</u>		<u>FY 2027-2028</u>		<u>FY 2028-2029</u>	
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
General Funds		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0
Cash Funds						
Federal Funds						
Other Funds						
Total Funds		\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 0

LB 900 will increase the fee for when a county sheriff issues distress warrants, levy, and return of warrants for the collection of taxes. The fee is currently \$2 for each warrant and \$1 for each levy. This increases it to \$20.

It also strikes language that required an officer to only charge for mileage when the officer had more than one warrant in their hand.

It is estimated that there will be minimal costs to the Department to implement this bill.

The operative date for this bill is three months after adjournment of the Legislature.

Major Objects of Expenditure

<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Classification Title</u>	<u>26-27 FTE</u>	<u>27-28 FTE</u>	<u>28-29 FTE</u>	<u>26-27 Expenditures</u>	<u>27-28 Expenditures</u>	<u>28-29 Expenditures</u>
Benefits.....							
Operating Costs.....							
Travel.....							
Capital Outlay.....							
Capital Improvements.....							
Total.....							