

Includes revised agency impact

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	100,000	See below	0	See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	100,000	See below	0	See below

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

LB 581 would amend various provisions of the Pesticide Act.

Specialty pesticide registration fee: LB 518 would increase the minimum specialty pesticide fee from \$135 to \$160. Because the Department is currently assessing a \$160 specialty pesticide fee under the statutory provision that allows the director to increase the fee up to \$210, there would be no fiscal impact as a result of the increase in the statutory minimum fee.

Distribution between Noxious Weed Cash Fund and Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund: The distribution of specialty and non-specialty pesticide fees would be: \$40 to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund and \$50 to the Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund. Current law deposits \$30 in the Noxious Weed Cash Fund and \$60 in the Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund. There is no basis to disagree with the Department of Agriculture that there would be a revenue increase of \$113,300 to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund and a like decrease to the Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund

Buffer Strip Incentive Cash Fund uses and transfers: LB 581 specifies that in FY09-10, the Department would contract with the University of Nebraska for research regarding water conservation and increased agricultural production. The Department would provide no more than \$100,000 for the research. There would be a \$100,000 cash fund expenditure (from the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund) in FY09-10. LB 581 also directs the State Treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from the Buffer Strip Incentive Fund to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund. This transfer would have no net impact to the Department of Agriculture.

Noxious Weed Book Cash Fund: On July 1, 2009 and each year thereafter, if there is sufficient funds in the Noxious Weed Book Cash Fund, \$25,000 would be transferred from that fund to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund. This would continue a transfer that has been carried out since July 1, 2005. In addition, 25% of the revenue received from the sale of the Noxious Weed Book would be deposited in the Noxious Weed and Invasive Species Assistance Fund. Current law requires 25% of the sales revenue to be deposited in the Noxious Weed Cash Fund. It is estimated that an additional \$6,200 will be deposited in the Noxious Weed and Invasive Species Assistance Fund. The transfers between funds will have no net impact to the Department of Agriculture.