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**LB 1016**

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

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

LB 1016 would create the Nebraska Statewide Water Planning Commission. The Commission would have the following duties: developing a statewide plan for future water use, maintaining and maximizing water use, creating a plan to manage water resources to encourage economic health and prosperity, and to make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. LB 1018 provides that funding allocated in the Department of Natural Resources for the Planning and Assistance Division and the Water Policy Task Force would be reallocated to the Commission.

The Department of Natural Resources estimates that 7.5 FTE and \$904,135 General Funds are included with Planning and Assistance Division budget, and a \$159,000 balance exists in the Water Policy Task Force Cash Fund. It is assumed that this funding would be used to create and support the functions of the Commission, although the majority of staff transferred would have technical hydrology skills and not general administrative skills. It is estimated that the Commission director may need to reallocate a portion of funding to obtain general administrative support, information technology, accounting and personnel functions.

The Department of Natural Resources notes that 4 FTE budgeted in the Planning and Assistance Division do not primarily work with statewide water planning and focus more upon river basin integrated water management planning activities. The Department notes that if the 4 FTE were transferred, it would request that \$398,359 General Funds be restored to the agency budget to allow the integrated management functions to continue.

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COMMENTS					
DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES – I have no basis to dispute estimate.					