

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See below		See below	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

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

LB 571 would authorize the Nebraska Tourism Commission to mark significant tourism attractions in Nebraska. The Commission would be authorized to determine what attractions are important to the state, procure highway tourism markers from funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature, and replace markers as needed. The Commission would be allowed to appoint and delegate a special committee to assist in the determination of tourism attractions that would be designated by highway tourism markers. The Department of Roads would erect and maintain such markers and determine the exact location.

It is estimated that there would be administrative costs to the Nebraska Tourism Commission to gather information and conduct research to support decisions made regarding the designation of tourism attractions. It is estimated that the agency may need to contract with outside experts to conduct research and assist in the development of initial recommendations for consideration by the special committee and the commission. Depending upon the extent of work required by such a contract, costs could range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 cash funds.

LB 571 would allow the State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund to be used for costs to erect and replace highway tourism markers. The impact upon the State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund would depend upon legislative funding decisions. It would be possible for the Legislature to earmark a portion of the existing cash fund appropriation for the purpose of erecting markers, or additional funding could be transferred into the cash fund from another funding source and specifically appropriated for the purposes of LB 571.

Because LB 571 does not require the Nebraska Tourism Commission to complete its determinations by a specific date, it is estimated that expenses related to the installation of highway tourism markers would first begin in FY16-17, assuming an amount was specifically appropriated by the Legislature. The cost for historical site highway signs currently erected by the Department of Roads is \$300 for two markers, not including the cost of installation. The exact cost per highway tourism marker would depend upon the size and design of the markers. The Department of Roads would devote staff and incur operating costs to erect and maintain the markers, but because LB 571 would amend the State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund to allow the fund to be used to erect and replace highway tourism markers, it is estimated that the Department of Roads could be reimbursed for the costs of installing markers. Reimbursements would be deposited in the Department of Roads Operations Cash Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 571	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Roads	
REVIEWED BY: Robin Kilgore		DATE: 1-29-15	PHONE: 471-4180
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with agency estimate of fiscal impact.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 571

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<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:

LB 571 requires the Nebraska Tourism Commission to mark significant tourism attractions. The commission shall have the authority to determine what tourism attractions are important and purchase signage of uniform style to be known as highway tourism marker. This bill also provides that it shall be a Class V misdemeanor for anyone other than the commission to mark any tourism attractions on public street, road or highway unless a written certificate of approval has been secured from the commission.

The Department of Roads shall erect the marker with consideration given for the safety and welfare of the public. The markers will be maintained by the Department. The State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund will be used to procure all tourism markers and to reimburse the Department of Roads to erect and replace markers.

No fiscal impact to the Department is anticipated.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____