

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	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 1101 would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to conduct a study to examine the status of solid waste management programs operated by the agency and make recommendations to modernize and revise such programs. The director of DEQ would be directed to establish an advisory committee to advise the agency regarding the study, and the agency would be authorized to hire consultants and special experts to assist in the study. A report, including recommendations, would be filed with the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the chairpersons of the Natural Resources, Urban Affairs and Appropriations Committees of the Legislature no later than December 15, 2017.

LB 1101 would allow DEQ to use the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund to pay for costs related to the study. DEQ notes that existing staff would be used to coordinate and manage the study, and that the current cash fund expenditure authority of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund is adequate to absorb the expenses related to the study. As a result, additional appropriations would not be required for the agency to carry out the purposes of LB 1101. DEQ estimates that it would spend \$265,000 cash funds in FY16-17 and \$66,000 cash funds in FY17-18.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1101

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	265,000	0	66,000	0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1101 requires the Department to:

- Conduct a study that would examine the status of solid waste management programs and make recommendations to modernize and revise the programs.
- Establish an advisory committee to advise the department regarding the study.
- Submit the study to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the chairpersons of the National Resources Committee, the Urban Affairs Committee, and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature no later than December 15, 2017.

LB 1101 allows the department to hire consultants and special experts to assist in the study. It also authorizes costs associated with the study to be paid from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Cash Fund.

The department plans to utilize existing staff to coordinate and manage the study. Contracting costs associated with hiring consultants and special experts to assist in conducting the study are estimated to be \$250,000. The Department also expects to hold public outreach meetings across the state as part of the study activity. Estimated costs for meeting space and travel expenses are \$30,000.

LB 1101 specifies the advisory committee members appointed by the director shall not receive compensation for their services. However, if Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-1181 applies, the department has estimated \$20,000 to cover the travel costs for up to nine appointed members.

Current cash fund spending authority is adequate to address the additional costs associated with LB 1101. Based on the date the study is to be submitted, the fiscal note assumes 80% of the costs will be expended in FY2016-17, and 20% expended in FY 2017-18.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2016-17	2017-18
	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			25,000	6,000
Travel.....			40,000	10,000
Contractual			200,000	50,000
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			265,000	66,000