

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) | | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | FY 2024-25 | | FY 2025-26 | |
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | See Below | | See Below | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| 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 869 would expand eligibility for veteran’s aid and burial services to those veterans who served during times other than in war. These services are provided through county veterans services offices and administered by County Veteran Service Officers and committees that are designated to review requests for aid.

The dollar amount for this expansion is indeterminate as the number of veterans in each county who would request services is unknown. In 2022, it is reported there was approximately 100,000 veterans living in Nebraska but a breakdown by residency by county is not recorded.

Of the sampling of counties that responded to the fiscal note request, the majority reported that the county would be able to absorb the costs of the expanded definition of eligible veterans.

The exception to this is Sarpy County which has the second largest population of veterans of the state residing in the county. Sarpy County anticipates that there would be additional aid in the amount of \$10,000 and one FTE to administer the requests for funding. Sarpy county anticipates that the aid and operations request would be \$85,000 in FY 2024-25 and \$87,250 in FY 2025-26. This assumption made by Sarpy County assumes that every eligible veteran would request county veterans’ aid. However, due to current usage of the program, it may not be reasonable to assume all eligible veterans would request county veterans’ aid.

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|--|--------------|-------|---|
| LB: | 869 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs |
| REVIEWED BY: | Ann Linneman | DATE: | 1-8-2023 PHONE: (402) 471-4180 |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Veterans Affairs’ assessment of no fiscal impact. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| LB: | 869 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lancaster County |
| REVIEWED BY: | Ann Linneman | DATE: | 1-5-2024 PHONE: (402) 471-4180 |
| COMMENTS: Lancaster County’s assessment of fiscal impact seems reasonable given the assumptions used. | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| LB: | 869 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lincoln County | | |
| REVIEWED BY: | Ann Linneman | DATE: | 1-14-2024 | PHONE: | (402) 471-4180 |
| COMMENTS: Lincoln County's assessment of fiscal impact seems reasonable given the assumptions used. | | | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|---|--------|----------------|
| LB: | 869 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) | | |
| REVIEWED BY: | Ann Linneman | DATE: | 1-10-2024 | PHONE: | (402) 471-4180 |
| COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Association of County Officials' undeterminable.assessment of fiscal impact. | | | | | |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| LB: | 869 | AM: | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Sarpy County | | |
| REVIEWED BY: | Ann Linneman | DATE: | 1-10-2024 | PHONE: | (402) 471-4180 |
| COMMENTS: Sarpy County's assessment of fiscal impact seems reasonable given the assumptions used. | | | | | |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 869

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA)

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Nicole S Zimmermann Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/4/2024 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 531-220-1433

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | FY 2024-25 | | FY 2025-26 | |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| CASH FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| OTHER FUNDS | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL FUNDS | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

Explanation of Estimate:

"No Fiscal Impact"

LB 853 does not have any fiscal impact for Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | 2024-25 EXPENDITURES | 2025-26 EXPENDITURES |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | 24-25 | 25-26 | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Benefits..... | | | | |
| Operating..... | | | | |
| Travel..... | | | | |
| Capital outlay..... | | | | |
| Aid..... | | | | |
| Capital improvements..... | | | | |
| TOTAL..... | | | | |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 869

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Lancaster County

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Mark Lakamp Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/5/2024 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-441-7360

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2024-25</u> | | <u>FY 2025-26</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:

If the Lancaster County Veterans Service Committee chooses to expand eligibility for County Veterans Aid to all honorably discharged Veterans instead of only those Veterans who served in a defined wartime period, the Lancaster County Veterans Service Office would be able to serve those Veterans we have seen over the past 12 months who have requested aid but were not eligible based on a lack of wartime service, estimated at a 10% – 15% increase in County Veterans Aid expenditures, or about \$2,250 per year. However this seems likely to be only a small part of the total population, and we do not have the ability to accurately determine the total number of Veterans who would newly become eligible for aid should LB869 be enacted. The Lancaster County Board is committed to absorbing the full costs of expanded services for Lancaster County’s Veterans.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>24-25</u> | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Benefits..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Travel..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital outlay..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Aid..... | _____ | _____ | \$2250 | \$2250 |
| Capital improvements..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL..... | _____ | _____ | \$2250 | \$2250 |

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LB⁽¹⁾ **869**

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ **Lincoln County, Nebraska**

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ **Tom Gann & Micaela Wuehler**

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ **01/11/2024**

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ **308-530-7338**

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2024-25</u> | | <u>FY 2025-26</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:

LB869 would allow veterans who served in the Armed Forces during peacetime to be eligible for services provided through County Veteran Service Offices. Currently these services, including, but not limited to, aid, food, shelter, fuel, clothing and utilities are available only to veterans who served during designated times of war.

The projected fiscal impact to Lincoln County will be minimal. These are one time emergency assistance events to veterans experiencing temporary difficult times. Each request will be carefully vetted by our VSO and his Committee before being approved. This small change in State Statue simply allows the Lincoln County Veteran Service Officer, Tom Gann, to utilize county funds already available to assist this small deserving group who are currently excluded. We estimate denied requests in 2023 to be less than \$1,500.00. Lincoln County Commissioners support this change in Legislation and are committed to absorbing the full costs of expanded services for this small yet deserving group of Lincoln County Nebraska Veterans.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>24-25</u> | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Benefits..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Travel..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital outlay..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Aid..... | _____ | _____ | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Capital improvements..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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LB⁽¹⁾ 869

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Elaine Menzel Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/8/2024 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.434.5660

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | <u>FY 2024-25</u> | | <u>FY 2025-26</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:

LB869 would allow veterans who served in the Armed Forces during peacetime to be eligible for services provided through county veterans service offices. Currently these services, including aid, food, shelter, fuel, wearing apparel, medical or surgical aid or funeral expenses, are available to veterans who served during designated times of war. In 2022, 106,036 veterans lived in Nebraska.

The dollar amount cannot be determined because each county would decide whether to increase appropriations to provide services to additional eligible recipients.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u> | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> | | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>24-25</u> | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Benefits..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Travel..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital outlay..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Aid..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Capital improvements..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL..... | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: (2) Sarpy County

Prepared by: (3) William E. Conley, CFO Date Prepared: (4) 1/10/2024 Phone: (5) 402-593-5958

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

| | FY 2024-25 | | FY 2025-26 | |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS | \$ 85,000 | | \$ 87,250 | |
| CASH FUNDS | | | | |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | | | | |
| OTHER FUNDS | | | | |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$ 85,000 | \$ - | \$ 87,250 | \$ - |

Explanation of Estimate:

Currently, the Sarpy County Veterans Service Office only provides CVA (county veterans aid) to war time veterans.

This legislation, if it becomes law, will significantly increase the number of veterans we serve, as Sarpy County has the 2nd largest veteran’s population in Nebraska.

Our current staffing levels are not adequate to accomodate any additional volume...so if LB 869 become law, not only would we need a \$10,000 increase in our CVA budget, but also one new full-time equivalent employee to work with our veterans and handle the expected growth.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

| | | 2024-25 | 2025-26 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
| Personal Services | | | |
| | NUMBER OF POSITIONS | | |
| | POSITION TITLE | 2024-25 | 25-26 |
| | Veterans Service Tech (new FTE) | 1 | 1 |
| | | \$ 50,000 | \$ 51,500 |
| Benefits | | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,750 |
| Operating | Anticipated increase in CVA | \$ 10,000 | \$ 10,000 |
| Travel | | | |
| Capital outlay | | | |
| Aid | | | |
| Capital improvements | | | |
| | TOTAL | \$ 85,000 | \$ 87,250 |