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**LB 1243**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2024-25</b>		<b>FY 2025-26</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$120,000		\$120,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>		<b>\$120,000</b>	

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

LB 1243 is the Wildland Fire Response Act.

The act creates the Wildland Incident Response Assistance Team under the State Fire Marshal. The team may provide assistance or guidance to any individual or entity attempting to prevent, control, suppress, or otherwise mitigate a wildland fire as determined by the State Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshal shall establish squads and establish standards for operation, training, equipment, and administration of the team. The team may rent equipment that is needed to respond to a wildland fire incident.

The State Fire Marshal estimates the need of \$120,000 per year to address the provisions of LB 1243. This funding will be used to address costs associated with team travel, compensation for current staff that will take on new duties, and operating costs, such as equipment rental. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

The Agency does not assume any salary or benefits increases for FY25-26 for the additional personnel needed pursuant to this bill's provisions. While the actual salary and health insurance increases for FY25-26 and thereafter are not yet determined, it is important to note that any additional personnel in FY24-25 will have ongoing rising costs associated with salary and health insurance increases, which are normally addressed in the biennial budget process for all bargaining and non-bargaining employees.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 1243	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: State Fire Marshal	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 2/20/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the State Fire Marshal's estimated fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 1243.			

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 1243	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/24/2024	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the University of Nebraska's estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 1243.			

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**2024**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 1243**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> State Fire Marshal Agency

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Regina Shields/Deb Hostetler Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 02/20/2024 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> (402) 471-9477

**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	<u>120,000</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>                    </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>120,000</u></u>	<u><u>                    </u></u>	<u><u>120,000</u></u>	<u><u>                    </u></u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 1243 will formalize the existence and functions of the Wildland Incident Response Assistance team (WIRAT). It sets out the roles of the State Fire Marshal and Nebraska Forestry Departments in the training for and response to Wildland Fires. It establishes the roles for existing staff members to: develop rosters, establish standards for the operation, training, equipment, and administration of the WIRAT. The bill requires the Agency to pay the compensation, including overtime, of any SFM team member assigned to an incident. Further, the Agency shall be responsible for requesting adequate appropriations to pay the expenses of team members which can include: the training of such personnel; the rental of equipment needed for the incident; and the actual incurred expenses while serving at an incident. The Agency is already employing the personnel that serve on the team, but the duties of the team are in addition to the assigned duties they perform as part of their employment. As such the costs for deployment include the amount of money in salaries and benefits that are expended outside of the assigned job duties normally performed by the employees. This amounted to \$49,500 for salaries/benefits, \$25,000 for operating expenses, \$45,500 for travel for a total of \$120,000.

**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>
Deputy Fire Marshal	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>34,300</u>	<u>34,300</u>
Benefits.....	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>15,200</u>	<u>15,200</u>
Operating.....	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Travel.....	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>45,500</u>	<u>45,500</u>
Capital outlay.....	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Aid.....	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Capital improvements.....	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>

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**LB <sup>(1)</sup> 1243 Adopt the Wildland Fire Response Act**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:<sup>(2)</sup> University of Nebraska System

Prepared by:<sup>(3)</sup> Chris Kabourek Date Prepared:<sup>(4)</sup> 01/24/2024 Phone:<sup>(5)</sup> (402) 472-7102

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	FY 2024 - 25		FY 2025 - 26	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

No fiscal impact.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024 - 25 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2025 - 26 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>24 - 25</u>	<u>25 - 26</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				