

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				
CASH FUNDS		(\$37,206)		(\$62,010)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		(\$37,206)		(\$62,010)

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

LB1406 amends §37-438 by directing the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) to issue a \$5 annual active-duty military (regardless of residency) park permit to those who provide either: their military identification card or a copy of their DD Form 214

Expenditures:

The NGPC would have minor permit system programming expenses which can be absorbed by the agency’s existing appropriations.

Revenues:

The NGPC has estimated a potential total loss of cash fund revenue in FY2024-25 of (\$37,206) from the Park Cash Fund. The total projected loss in FY2025-26 would be (\$62,010). The established customers who already purchase permits for a higher fee, who would now qualify and purchase the same permit for only \$5, would represent a revenue loss. The new qualifying customers who are not currently purchasing Nebraska park permits, would be a revenue gain. The breakdown of the annual park permit revenue losses are:

ACTIVE-DUTY PARK PERMITS - FY2024-25 REVENUE		ACTIVE-DUTY PARK PERMITS - FY2025-26 REVENUE	
RESIDENT ANNUAL PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$35 fee)	\$ (28,434)	RESIDENT ANNUAL PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$35 fee)	\$ (47,390)
RESIDENT DAILY PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$7 fee)	\$ (7,598)	RESIDENT DAILY PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$7 fee)	\$ (12,863)
NON-RESIDENT ANNUAL PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$70 fee)	\$ (4,862)	NON-RESIDENT ANNUAL PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$70 fee)	\$ (7,770)
NON-RESIDENT DAILY PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$14 fee)	\$ (9,853)	NON-RESIDENT DAILY PARK FEE est. (loss - established customers' \$14 fee)	\$ (18,422)
TOTAL PARK CASH REVENUE LOSS est.	\$ (50,547)	TOTAL PARK CASH REVENUE LOSS est.	\$ (84,245)
NEW ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY CUSTOMERS est. (gain - new cheaper fee)	\$ 13,341	NEW ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY CUSTOMERS est. (gain - new cheaper fee)	\$ 22,235
TOTAL PARK CASH REVENUE GAIN est.	\$ 13,341	TOTAL PARK CASH REVENUE GAIN est.	\$ 22,235
TOTAL PARK CASH FUND REVENUE LOSS / GAIN est.	\$ (37,206)	TOTAL PARK CASH FUND REVENUE LOSS / GAIN est.	\$ (62,010)

The NGPC has estimated these losses and gains based on an assumed number of applicants. The agency utilized a percentage of residents who are active-duty military currently, from the U.S. Census Bureau, used in combination with the current fees. This appears a reasonable way of estimating the number of potential applicants and associated revenue losses or gains.

*Technical Note: This fiscal note was written under the assumption that the bill is for active-duty military only. However, the bill does have language on page 3, line 10, where the word “veteran” is being used. Active-duty military and veteran do not have the same meaning.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1406	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Game and Parks Commission	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Game and Parks Commission's estimate fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 1406.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1406 – Active Duty Military Park Entry Permit

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

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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	_____	(37,206)	_____	(62,010)
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

This legislation would direct the Game and Parks Commission to create an annual Active-Duty Military Park Entry Permit. The cost of the permit would be \$5 for qualified Nebraska Residents and Non-residents.

According to the US Census Bureau in 2022, it was estimated that less than 1% of the national population are active duty military. Assuming the number of active-duty military purchasing the five dollar park entry permit is representative of qualifying individuals that purchased similar permits in 2023, and multiple Park Entry permits cannot be purchased by an individual, the potential net loss in FY24-25 (\$37,206) and \$(62,010) for FY25-26.

<u>FY 2024-25</u>			<u>FY 2025-26</u>		
<u>CY25 Only – 60% of FY25-26</u>					
Resident Annual Park - \$35	\$	(28,434)	Resident Annual Park - \$35	\$	(47,390)
Resident Daily Park - \$7	\$	(7,598)	Resident Daily Park - \$7	\$	(12,663)
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Nonresident Annual Park	\$	(4,662)	Nonresident Annual Park	\$	(7,770)
Nonresident Daily Park	\$	(9,853)	Nonresident Daily Park	\$	(16,422)
FY 2024-25 Park Cash Pot Rev Loss	\$	(50,547)	FY 2025-26 Park Cash Pot Rev Loss	\$	(84,245)
Estimated Military Park Permit Revenue	\$5	13,341	Estimated Military Park Permit Revenue	\$5	22,235
23330 Park Cash NET Revenue Gain/Loss	\$	(37,206)	23330 Park Cash NET Revenue Gain/Loss	\$	(62,010)

If the intent of this bill was to offer a discounted park entry permit to Active Duty Military deployed to Nebraska, the fiscal impact would be lessened.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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