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# LB 866

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				
CASH FUNDS	\$3,500		\$3,500	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3,500		\$3,500	

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

LB 866 changes provisions related to the composition and compensation of the Power Review Board. Compensation for board members is increased from a \$60 to \$100 per day for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of his or her duties. This compensation is limited to \$7,000 in any one year.

Based on historical data regarding the number of days for which per diems are paid, the Power Review Board estimates the need for an additional \$3,500 per year to address the increased rates. This estimate appears to be reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 866	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Power Review Board	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Power Review Board's estimate fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 866. However, disagree with the Power Review Board's statement that there in insufficient PSL to accommodate this increase.			

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**2024**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 866**

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Power Review Board

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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	\$3,500	_____	\$3,500	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$3,500</u>	_____	<u>\$3,500</u>	_____

**Explanation of Estimate:**

In fiscal year 2022-2023 (FY 22-23) the four Power Review Board (PRB) members affected by the bill had 83 per diem days (totaling \$4,980). The member that represents the PRB and Nebraska on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee has a different per diem due to the substantially higher workload involved. In FY 21-22 the members had 66 per diem days (totaling \$3,960). In FY 20-21 the members had 89 per diem days (totaling \$5,340). During some of this time frame the board had only three affected board members, and of course the COVID-19 pandemic reduced the travel and meetings during FY 21-22. Based on these historical figures, we believe it is reasonable to predict that during most normal years the four applicable board members will use approximately 86 per diem days. If the per diem were increased from \$60 to \$100 as set out in LB 866, this would equate to \$3,440 per year. Since there were some periods when the Board was short one of the non-SPP RSC members, averaging one such month per year is probably reasonable. This would put the predicted budgetary increase at \$3,480 per year. For simplicity, we round this figure to \$3,500. Although this is not a large amount, the PRB is a small agency, and since these funds come from the Board's personal services limitation, the Board does not believe it can absorb the difference without the increase to its personal services limit. Since these are per diems, the Board's benefits would not be affected.

**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>
Board Member Per Diems	0	0	\$3,500	\$3,500
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>