

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	(See below)		(See below)	
CASH FUNDS	See below		See below	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 116 would allow money in the Veterans' Aid Income Fund to be used for the administration, maintenance, and operation of cemeteries in the state veteran cemetery system.

The veteran cemetery system currently consists of one cemetery located in Box Butte County. The current FY10-11 appropriation for operating this cemetery is \$261,554 from the General Fund. LB 116 would allow the General Fund appropriation to be replaced with a cash fund appropriation using money in the Veterans' Aid Income Fund. The amount of this fund shift would be determined by the Legislature and controlled by the appropriation process.

The potential General Fund expenditure reduction would be approximately \$261,000 annually to start with and could increase in the future if it is assumed that operating expenses will gradually increase to due to salary increases, health insurance increases and inflation.

The amount of funding available for aid payments to veterans will be reduced by the amount used to support the cemetery system. This may not affect the amount of aid that is actually distributed to veterans since the income to the fund has exceeded the aid payments by an average of \$522,000 every year since FY04-05 and the fund has a balance of approximately \$3.7 million.