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LB 141

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

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

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

This bill would provide for public records that may be withheld.

The Department of Roads (DOR) states that they are responsible for receiving and maintaining motor vehicle accident reports. The term "initial accident report" is not defined in the bill and DOR's interpretation is this term does not apply to DOR accident reports. Therefore, this is no fiscal impact to DOR.

The Workers' Compensation Court states this bill may result in a decrease in workload but it is unlikely the decrease will be sufficient to result in an expenditure decrease for staff support. The Court also notes a technical correction. Their response follows:

LB 141 would allow the court to withhold records relating to first reports of injury for "workmens" compensation claims. Since the language is permissive there would be no fiscal impact for the court absent a change in the court's current practices with regard to release of such records. Currently, the court releases first report information pursuant to an opinion from the office of the Attorney General, with the exception of social security numbers which are deemed confidential. Should the court decide to withhold first report information there would be some decrease in workload for staff members who process public records requests. However, it is unlikely the decrease in workload would be sufficient to result in a decrease in expenditures for staff support.

It should also be noted that statutory references to "workmens" compensation were amended in 1986 to refer instead to "workers" compensation. Therefore, consideration should be given to amending LB 141 accordingly.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
DEPARTMENT OF ROADS: The Department of Roads should not incur additional costs as a result of LB 141.					
NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT: No basis to dispute agency analysis relative to the Workers' Compensation Court.					