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**LB 229**

Revision: 01

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2011-12</b>		<b>FY 2012-13</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS		(600,000)		(600,000)
CASH FUNDS	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>3,300,000</b>

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

LB 229 as amended would direct the Department of Natural Resources to apply for a three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to benefit any river basin designated as fully appropriated or overappropriated pursuant to the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act. Applications made by the department would receive 50 points in the ranking process if the Legislature appropriates \$3,300,000 of matching funds an annual basis.

LB 229 states in legislative intent that a \$3,300,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund be carried out through FY2018-19. Current law authorizes a \$2,700,000 transfer from the General Fund. LB 229 also authorizes an additional transfer of \$600,000 from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund for FY2011-12 and FY2012-13. (The \$2,700,000 General Fund transfer currently authorized under law will be carried out in legislation advanced in the appropriations process.)

An additional \$3,900,000 Cash Fund expenditure authority for the Water Resources Cash Fund would be required to allow for the expenditure of the additional \$600,000 transfer from the General Fund and the anticipated \$3,300,000 grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The \$3,300,000 in annual grant funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust would extend through FY2013-14. Legislative intent contained in LB 229 provides that the department could apply for a future three-year grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust if the department meets criteria to be established in LB 229.

It is anticipated that providing a \$3,300,000 grant to the Department of Natural Resources would not impact the overall expenditure level of the Nebraska Environmental Trust, but would change the distribution of available funding.