

**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	94,681	700,000	1,257,792	1,205,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	94,681	700,000	1,257,792	1,205,000

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

LB 626 would establish the Electronics Recycling Act and Job Creation Act. The fiscal impact would include the following:

**Manufacturer registration** -- Beginning January 31, 2012, and each year thereafter, manufacturers who sold at least 500 electronic devices in the state the previous calendar year would be required to register with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Beginning January 31, 2012, and each year thereafter, manufacturers would be required to pay registration fees based upon the number of devices sold within the state. DEQ estimates that 70 manufacturers would be subject to the registration fee and that a maximum of \$700,000 could be received from the fee in FY11-12.

Beginning in FY13-14, DEQ would be authorized to adjust manufacturer registration fees to collect at least \$1,000,000 and no more than \$1,500,000 in the following fiscal year. It is estimated that the increased revenue from the fee adjustment would first be expended in FY14-15.

**Recycler registration** – LB 626 provides that on or after July 1, 2012, recyclers would pay a \$50 registration fee. DEQ estimates that \$5,000 in revenue will be received from this fee and would first be expended in FY12-13.

**Environmental Trust Fund grant** – LB 626 directs DEQ to apply for a \$500,000 grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust from FY11-12 through FY16-17. If received, grant revenue would be credited to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund and paid out as grants. It is estimated the first grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust would be awarded and expended in FY12-13.

**Registration fee reduction based upon recycling** -- LB 626 provides that beginning January 31, 2013, the manufacturer registration fee shall be reduced by 50% if the percentage of recycled electronic devices is not less than 60%. The impact to the registration fee would depend upon the number of manufacturers meeting the 60% recycling requirement.

**DEQ administrative expenses and grant program** – All fees collected under LB 626 would be deposited in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund. DEQ would be allowed to use fees collected under LB 626 to offset administrative expenses, and the agency estimates that administrative costs would total \$94,681 Cash Funds in FY11-12 and \$47,792 Cash Funds in FY12-13. In FY12-13, the agency estimates that \$1,210,000 in Electronics Recycling and Job Creation Grants would be approved.

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COMMENTS			
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – I have no basis to dispute statement.			