

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See Below			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill would provide for medical release for committed offenders.

The Board of Parole states that the cost per parolee for supervision and services is \$3,347 per year, and this does not include any type of medical treatment or hospitalization.

The Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) estimates that this bill has the potential to reduce costs by the average per diem cost (\$8,649 in FY17) for each inmate released on medical release for a full year. The medical division estimates there would be 6-10 inmates per year who meet the medical criteria in the bill based on a quick review for the purposes of this fiscal note. The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable until the department has time to conduct the medical and criminal history review required by the bill to determine who may be eligible and appropriate for release.

Fewer people in prison could reduce the prison population. As of July-September 2017, the state inmate prison population was 155.70% of design capacity. Additionally, the Department of Correctional Services contracts with some counties to temporarily house prison inmates. If those inmates are included in the state prison population numbers, then the inmate prison population would be 158% of design capacity.

For informational purposes, the Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) estimates the cost per offender (All facilities including Parole) at \$31,271 for FY16. This cost represents an average cost of all General, Cash, and Federal expenditures excluding aid, depreciation, and Capital Construction expenditures.

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2018

LB⁽¹⁾ 672

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Board of Parole

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
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OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The cost per parolee per year is \$3,347.41. This would not include any type of medical treatment/hospitalization in the cost of supervision and services.

For every 50 moderate risk parolee's releases one parole officer is needed. For every 35 high risk parolee's releases one officer is needed.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2018-19 EXPENDITURES	2019-20 EXPENDITURES
	18-19	19-20		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2018-19</u>		<u>FY 2019-20</u>	
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Explanation of Estimate:

LB 672 authorizes the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to release a terminally ill or permanently incapacitated inmate on medical release and requires the department to identify those who may be eligible based on their medical records. The provisions of LB 672 closely mirror the current medical parole statutes but do not require the individual be parole eligible or the approval of the board of parole.

Offenders can be released to a hospital, hospice or other housing accommodation suitable to their condition, including the family's home. An inmate may be required to return to prison if their condition improves and they no longer meet the requirements for medical release or if they violate the terms of the medical release. The bill does not provide for supervision of individuals while on medical release or require the department to pay for medical costs of individuals on medical release.

The department estimates that LB 672 has potential to reduce costs of the department by the average per diem cost (\$8,649 in FY 17) for each inmate released on medical release for a full year. The medical division estimates there would be 6-10 inmates per year who meet the medical criteria in the bill based on a quick review for the purposes of this note. The fiscal impact of LB 672 is indeterminable until the department has time to conduct the medical and criminal history review required by the bill to determine who may be eligible and appropriate for release.

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Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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