

**FISCAL NOTE**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

Updated for amendments adopted through May 8, 2019.

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2019-20</b>		<b>FY 2020-21</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	729,685		1,492,868	
CASH FUNDS	36,956		75,606	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>766,641</b>		<b>1,568,474</b>	

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

This bill, as amended by AM1500, would increase the salary of the Supreme Court judges. This change would also increase the salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals, the District Court, the Separate Juvenile Court, the Workers Compensation Court, and the County Court as these salaries are a percent of the salary of the Supreme Court judges. Judges' salaries would increase by 3.00% on July 1, 2019 and by 3.00% on July 1, 2020.

This act becomes operative on July 1, 2019, and it has the emergency clause.

The amended bill will increase the salaries of the judges as follows:

COURT	No. of Judges	Salary			Percent to Supreme Court Judge's Salary	Percent Increase	
		Current Jan. 1, 2019	AM1500 July 1, 2019	AM1500 July 1, 2020			
Supreme	7	176,299	181,588	187,036	100.0%	3.00%	3.00%
Appeals	6	167,484	172,509	177,684	95.0%	3.00%	3.00%
District+Juvenile	67	163,077	167,969	173,008	92.5%	3.00%	3.00%
Workers' Compensation	7	163,077	167,969	173,008	92.5%	3.00%	3.00%
County	58	158,669	163,430	168,332	90.0%	3.00%	3.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>						

The impact of the salary increase by fund source is noted in the boxes at the top of this fiscal note.

The General Fund impact over the biennium is \$2,222,553.

The impacted Cash Fund is the Compensation Court Cash Fund.

The response of the Workers' Compensation Court is attached.

The General Fund amounts were emailed to the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) fiscal analyst by the Supreme Court.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>		
<b>LB: 300</b>	<b>AM: 1500</b>	<b>AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Workers Compensation Court (037)</b>
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 05/06/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Nebraska Workers Compensation Court estimate of Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 300, as amended by Senator Lathrop's AM 1500.		

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**2019**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 300 AM 1500**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Workers' Compensation Court

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
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**Explanation of Estimate:**

As provided in Section 48-159, "...each judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court shall receive an annual salary of ninety-two and one-half percent of the salary set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court..."

Therefore, if the Supreme Court judges receive an increase in salary, the Workers' Compensation Court judges also receive an increase. The benefits increase is for FICA and the Medicare Surcharge for the additional salary amount.

LB 300 AM 1500 provides for a 3% increase on July 1, 2019 and a 3% increase on July 1, 2020.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Workers' Compensation Court Judge	7	7	34,246	69,520
Benefits.....			2,710	6,086
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>36,956</b>	<b>75,606</b>