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**LB 302**

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2019-20</b>		<b>FY 2020-21</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
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.**

LB 302 would authorize the merger of the State Energy Office into the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on July 1, 2019. The existing statutory duties of the State Energy Office would become the responsibility of DEQ. The current budget of the State Energy Office is \$1,009,654 Cash Funds and \$7,792,334 Federal Funds.

It is estimated that the DEQ budget would increase by the amount of the existing State Energy Office budget. DEQ notes that \$206,875 in personnel expenses related to the salaries of the Energy Office director and deputy director would be eliminated and reallocated to operating costs and state aid programs.

There would be no net fiscal impact to the state in the FY2019-21 biennium as a result of the merger.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 302	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 1/22/19	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: Concur with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality that no fiscal impact is anticipated.			

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 302	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Energy Office	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 1/22/19	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: Concur with Nebraska Energy Office's estimate of fiscal impact.			

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**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 302**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Department of Environmental Quality

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

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The Energy Office Proposal would merge the Energy Office into the Department of Environmental Quality providing for the transfer of powers, duties, personnel, funds, rights and property, and renames the Department of Environmental Quality. These changes would take effect July 1, 2019.

The merger may provide for additional efficiencies and cost saving measures that would provide additional operational funding to be utilized for the development of additional efficient and effective services.

No fiscal impact is anticipated to the Department at this time.

**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>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>	<b>_____</b>

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**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Energy Office

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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The Energy Office Proposal would merge the Energy Office into the Department of Environmental Quality, and rename the Department of Environmental Quality. These changes would take effect July 1, 2019.

The merger would result in both Departments sharing a Director and Deputy Director. The net affect overall from the expenditure standpoint will be a savings for the Energy Office having an impact on the source of funds that pays for these positions.

The Energy Office would see a decrease in personnel expenses of \$206,875 annually. The savings would be utilized to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations and to provide additional financial resources for the aid programs of Weatherization, State Energy, or State Heating Oil and Propane Programs.

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	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Director	1	1	(\$106,544)	(\$106,544)
Deputy Director	1	1	(\$88,939)	(\$88,939)
Benefits.....			(\$11,392)	(\$11,392)
Operating.....			\$45,513	\$45,513
Travel.....			\$0	\$0
Capital outlay.....			\$0	\$0
Aid.....			\$161,362	\$161,362
Capital improvements.....			\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>