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**LB 641**

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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

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

LB 641 amends the Telecommunications Relay System Act to allow for a grant process for a 211 Information and Referral Network to provide information and referral services to the public regarding health and human services provided by public and private entities throughout the state.

Section 6 requires the current surcharge (currently capped at twenty cents per month on each telephone number or functional equivalent in Nebraska) to include an amount sufficient to provide at least three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) annually to a 211 Information and Referral Network.

Section 7 provides for establishment and eligibility requirement for such grants.

The Public Service Commission would increase the current Telephone Relay Surcharge by 2 cents in order to increase revenue sufficiently to cover the cost of 211 grants. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 641	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Public Service Commission	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Public Service Commission's assessment of fiscal impact.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Public Service Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000

Explanation of Estimate:

This bill provides for grants for the 211 Information and Referral Network to be administered under the Nebraska Telecommunications Relay System (TRS) Fund. The Commission would be required to increase the TRS surcharge to an amount sufficient to cover \$300,000 annually for 211 Information and Referral Network grants. The Commission estimates that the monthly TRS surcharge rate would have to increase an additional \$.02 per telephone number or functional equivalent to cover the costs of these grants. As such, the revenues will increase in the fund by \$300,000 and additional aid in the amount of \$300,000 will be paid out from the TRS fund.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2019-20	2020-21
	19-20	20-21	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....			300,000	300,000
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			300,000	300,000