

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2021-22</b>		<b>FY 2022-23</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.**

LB396 creates the Nebraska Farm-To-School Act.

The Nebraska farm-to-school program will be administered on a statewide basis by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). The program will provide for the purchase of locally and regionally produced or processed food in order to improve child nutrition and strengthen local and regional farm economies.

The program will link elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in this state with Nebraska farms in a manner that provides schools with fresh and minimally processed food for inclusion in school meals and snacks, encourages children to develop healthy eating habits, and improves the incomes of Nebraska farmers who will enjoy direct access to consumer markets.

The program can include activities that provide students with hands-on learning opportunities, including, but not limited to, farm visits, cooking demonstrations, and school gardening and composting programs, and that integrate nutrition and agricultural education into the school curriculum.

NDE will employ a coordinator to administer the program. The duties of the coordinator will include:

- Identifying and promoting the critical ways for local communities to participate in the program and advise communities on needed strategies, plans, and action to administer the program
- Establishing a partnership with public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement a public engagement campaign and establish a structure to facilitate communication between farmers and schools
- Providing leadership at the state level to encourage schools to develop and improve school nutrition plans using locally or regionally grown or locally or regionally processed food
- Conducting workshops and training sessions and providing technical assistance to school food services, farmers, processors, and distributors regarding the demand for and the availability of Nebraska food products, and assisting persons seeking to participate in the program
- Providing information regarding the program in an electronic format on the web sites for NDE and the Department of Agriculture
- Seeking financial or in-kind contributions to support the program

The Department of Agriculture and NDE will cooperate in administering the program and will each provide professional consultation and staff support.

The bill states intent to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund to NDE for each fiscal year. Those funds can be used for the purpose of supporting the program, including, but not limited to, salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 396 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Education

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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the estimate provided by the agency for increased operational costs. Disagree with the salary estimate of 4% in FY2022-23. Over the past several years, the agency has provided a salary increase of 1% to 3% to their employees.  
NOTE: The fiscal note from the agency was received by the Budget Office after the deadline for submission of comments to the LFO.

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**2021**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 396**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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

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

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$100,000		\$100,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate: The bill provides \$100,000 to establish a Nebraska farm-to-school program to assist in linking public and nonpublic schools with Nebraska farms. It would create 1 FTE to administer the program at an estimated cost of \$89,712 for 2021-22 and \$93,570 for 2022-23. The remainder of the \$100,000 would be used to cover operational costs of the program.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Program Specialist II	1.0	1.0	\$53,787	\$55,938.00
Benefits.....			\$35,925	\$37,632
Operating.....			\$10,288	\$6,430
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$100,000	\$100,000