

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

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

LB 670 would allow signs that memorialize individuals killed on Nebraska roadways to be erected within the right-of-way when a qualified relative files an application with the Department of Transportation and pays a fee of \$75. The fee is to be remitted to the Highway Trust Fund. Signs will be posted for five (5) years and upon application, can be posted for an additional five (5) years. Signs are unable to be erected for a deceased person who died as a result of a vehicle collision and had a blood alcohol content at or above the limit specified by 60-6,196 or 60-6,211.01 or, was found to have been impaired by any illegal substance.

In CY19, there were 248 traffic fatalities in Nebraska and 24% of fatal crashes were known to have alcohol involvement. These figures are used to estimate the number of fatalities on an annual basis were a sign could be erected (188). Assuming a 50 percent application rate would lead to 94 applications each year and revenue remitted to the Highway Trust fund in the amount of \$7,050 each fiscal year.

Highway Trust fund revenue is distributed to the Highway Allocation Fund (46.6%) for Cities and Counties and the Highway Cash Fund (53.3%) for the Department of Transportation (DOT).

The DOT has indicated their currently operable administratively created Roadside Memorial Program resources are sufficient to meet the needs of the new program. There is no basis to disagree.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 670	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Transportation	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Department of Transportation's assessment of fiscal impact.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 670

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Department of Transportation

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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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 670 authorizes the display of signs with an optional emblem of belief in the right-of-way which memorializes persons killed on Nebraska roadways. The Department of Transportation (NDOT) shall adopt rules and regulations, administer the program, erect and maintain the signs and remove the signs upon expiration of the 5-year duration, if no extension is approved. A fee of seventy-five dollars collected at the time of application shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund. Technical Note: If the intention is to defray some of NDOT's costs to erect, maintain and service the signs, the fee should be credited to the Roads Operations Cash Fund, which is not shared with cities and counties as is the case with the Highway Trust Fund.

If LB 670 is enacted, NDOT would be required to perform a detailed review of each application submitted with an emblem of belief. The review aspects would need to entail religious symbols, copyright and trademarks, history and meaning of symbols of all types, pornographic images, and double meanings of common symbols. Hiring of a consultant or employee with expertise in these areas related to symbols would be necessary to administer the program.

It is unknown exactly how many applications will be received under the program created by the bill. However, based on NDOT's current administratively created program, it is expected that the increased cost can be handled within existing appropriation.

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>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____