

# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised for 109th Legislature, 2nd Session

## ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

| EXPENDITURES | GENERAL | CASH      | FEDERAL | REVOLVING | TOTAL     |
|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| FY2025-2026  | 0       | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0         |
| FY2026-2027  | 0       | SEE BELOW | 0       | 0         | SEE BELOW |
| FY2027-2028  | 0       | SEE BELOW | 0       | 0         | SEE BELOW |
| FY2028-2029  | 0       | SEE BELOW | 0       | 0         | SEE BELOW |
| REVENUE      | GENERAL | CASH      | FEDERAL | REVOLVING | TOTAL     |
| FY2025-2026  | 0       | 0         | 0       | 0         | 0         |
| FY2026-2027  | 0       | SEE BELOW | 0       | 0         | SEE BELOW |
| FY2027-2028  | 0       | SEE BELOW | 0       | 0         | SEE BELOW |
| FY2028-2029  | 0       | SEE BELOW | 0       | 0         | SEE BELOW |

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

LB646 as amended by AM1558, FA271 would strike the original sections of the bill and make the following amendments to the Livestock Brand Act:

- Adds a definition for Brand committee;
- Establishes the per head physical and electronic inspection fee of not more than \$1.50;
- Clarifies that court-ordered inspection fees are not to be paid by the person requesting the inspection;
- Exempts per head inspection fees from cattle of a registered feedlot that are shipped for direct slaughter or for sale on any terminal market;
- Exempts per head inspection fees for cattle shipped to or from a qualified dairy;
- Amends the registration fee and annual renewal fee for a registered feedlot to be an amount that is fifty cents multiplied by the maximum livestock capacity of the registered feedlot, requires the annual renewal registration fee to be paid annually; and
- Creates a surcharge, established by the Brand Committee, up to \$20 may be charged to cover travel expenses incurred by the brand inspector per inspection location when performing brand inspections. Describes the surcharge collection.

New per head inspection fee receipts and surcharge receipts are depended upon actions taken by the Nebraska Brand Committee and as such are indeterminate.

Regarding the changes in registered feedlot fees, the new revenues from registered feedlot annual fees is estimated to be \$596,250 per annum, a decrease from estimated \$1,192,500 per annum, making the estimated decrease in revenue from this provision to be \$596,250 per year. Estimating costs related to the provision of exempting registered dairies is difficult as data from the US Agricultural Census is likely incomplete. However, it is reasonable to assume a loss of at least \$6,000 per fiscal year.

There will be a reduction in administrative duties related to the provisions of LB646 as amended. However, efficiency savings are difficult to estimate.

Fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminate.