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LB 674

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

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

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS		\$250,000,000		
CASH FUNDS	\$89,000	(See below)	\$92,098	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$89,000	(See below)	\$92,098	

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

LB674 transfers \$250,000,000 from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund and \$250,000,000 from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund on or before June 30, 2025.

Additional cash fund appropriation authority to administer additional Water Sustainability Fund grants appears reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 674	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Natural Resources	
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COMMENTS: Department of Natural Resources assessment of fiscal impact from LB 674 appears reasonable using the assumptions provided.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 674

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Natural Resources

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>89,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>92,098</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB673 internally transfers funds from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund, both of which are administered by the Department. Given the influx of two hundred fifty million dollars into the Water Sustainability Fund, the Department anticipates the need to add one Environmental Specialist II (E45012) for program administration.

The transfer of funds will effectively end the Perkins County Canal Project, as permitting agencies and other compacting states will view the project as speculative (having a low probability of being completed) and will not expend time or resources on review. As a result, all design, land acquisition, and legal efforts by Nebraska should be wound-down in the interest of fiscal responsibility.

The Department does not anticipate all funds being distributed within the biennium.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Environmental Specialist II	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>52,250</u>	<u>54,079</u>
Benefits.....			<u>33,250</u>	<u>34,414</u>
Operating.....			<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,605</u>
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>89,000</u>	<u>92,098</u>