

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2013-14		FY 2014-15	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	see below		see below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	see below		see below	

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

LB 609 creates the Nebraska's Emerging Future Subcommittee which would be a subcommittee of the existing Legislature's Planning Committee. The subcommittee would be composed of all members of the Legislature's Planning Committee and, as ex officio members, the chairpersons of all standing committees of the Legislature who are not already members of the Legislature's Planning Committee.

This new subcommittee is to issue a report prior to December 1 of each even-numbered year which may include:

- (a) An analysis of the current state tax structure;
- (b) Proposals for legislation to reconfigure the state tax structure in a manner more beneficial to the citizens of the State of Nebraska;
- (c) Listing of state-funded economic development programs and services
- (d) A cost-benefit analysis of any or all state-funded economic development
- (e) An assessment of whether any or all state-funded economic development programs and services are consistent with the strategic vision identified in A Competitive Advantage Assessment and Strategy for Nebraska, a 2010 study prepared by Battelle Technology Partnership Practice
- (f) Proposals for legislation to expand, reduce, or eliminate state funding for economic development programs or services
- (g) Proposals for legislation to extend the sunset date of any or all state-funded economic development programs

The bill authorizes the subcommittee to hold public hearings and contract for assistance including consultants.

The fiscal impact of LB609 is difficult to estimate. Although the bill could result in more hearings and committee meetings, there is currently no limit on the number of committee meetings and hearings per existing Legislative Council policy and therefore such costs could have occurred under current policy.

Most of the study provisions noted above could technically be done with existing staff at no additional costs. However the level of detail and analysis would be limited especially with the December 1 time constraints. Consultant costs can range significantly depending on the level of detail and analysis asked for. It would not be unlikely that such contracts could range \$50,000 to over \$100,000. A much longer multi-year study would cost substantially more. As an example, the Tax Policy Reform Commission enacted in 2006 had an original appropriation of \$250,000 subsequently line-item vetoed to \$100,000