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LB 911

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)									
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24						
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE					
GENERAL FUNDS									
CASH FUNDS	655,000		655,000						
FEDERAL FUNDS									
OTHER FUNDS									
TOTAL FUNDS	655,000		655,000						

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

LB 911 requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase annual grant awards under the 211 Information and Referral Network from \$300,000 per year to \$955,000 per year.

Currently, 211 grants are paid out of the 211 Cash Fund. That fund receives \$300,000 per year from interest earnings generated by the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). For the purpose of this fiscal note, the PSC assumes that the additional funding will come from the General Fund.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Universal Service Fund generated \$1,417,725.65 in interest income. From this amount, \$300,000 was transferred annually to the 211 Cash Fund. LB 911 is silent regarding the source of funding for the increased grants. Barring any specified change of the funding source, the assumption must be made that the current funding source will be utilized for the increase. Based on the FY21 interest income, the NUSF appears to generate sufficient revenue to fund the increase, however, the amount of the transfer would also need to be amended.

The increased dollar assessment of \$655,000 per year is accurate. For the reasons stated above, this fiscal note includes the increase as a Cash Fund expenditure.

	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE							
LB:	911	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Public Service Commission						
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Public Service Commission's assessment of fiscal impact. The 211 Cash Fund cannot support this increase in the existing grant program without a change in the transfer amount from the Universal Service Fund or a transfer from the General Fund.								

Capital improvements......

TOTAL.....

LB (1) 911				FISCAL NOTE			
State Agency OR Po	olitical Subdivision Name: (Nebraska Public S	Nebraska Public Service Commission				
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	ESTIMATE PRO	VIDED BY STATE AGE	NCY OR POLITICAL SUBD	IVISION			
	F	Y 2022-23	FY 2	FY 2023-24			
	EXPENDITUR	<u>REVENUE</u>	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE			
GENERAL FUND	os 655,000	<u> </u>	655,000				
CASH FUNDS							
FEDERAL FUND	S						
OTHER FUNDS							
TOTAL FUNDS 655,000			655,000				
Explanation of Es	timate:						
the 211 Cash fu The 211 Cash fu (NUSF) of interes	nd, which is administe und is currently funded est earnings on an ann	red under our existing F I via a \$300,000 transfe	r from the Nebraska Unive Revised Statute § 86-324	ersal Service Fund			
	BREAKDO	OWN BY MAJOR OBJECT	TS OF EXPENDITURE				
Personal Services							
POSITION TITLE		NUMBER OF POSITION 22-23 23-24	S 2022-23 <u>EXPENDITURES</u> -	2023-24 EXPENDITURES			
Benefits							
Operating							
Travel							
Capital outlay							
Aid			655,000	655,000			

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