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LB 1303

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$200,000		\$200,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$200,000		\$200,000	

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

LB 1303 requires the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) to hire an ethical hacker to improve the cyber security for the State of Nebraska. The bill outlines the duties for the ethical hacker.

Expenditures:

NSP states that to comply with this requirement, the Agency estimates an annual expenditure of \$150,000 for contracting an external entity. Furthermore, the costs for annual remediation, including additional equipment and software, are projected to be around \$50,000.

LB 1303 mandates that the Agency employ an ethical hacker, typically fulfilled by hiring an external entity or corporation. This industry-standard approach stems from the recognition that a single individual often lacks the comprehensive skill set required for such in-depth security testing, necessitating a team of specialized experts. Additionally, the financial burden of hiring, training, and retaining an individual, along with the associated salary and benefits, are generally higher than what government-funded positions can offer, making external hiring more viable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 1303	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State Patrol (064)
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COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Nebraska State Patrol estimate of Potential Fiscal Impact to the Agency from the provisions of LB 1303.		

