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LB 344

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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				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB344 makes clarification to water allocation among political subdivisions (municipalities and Natural Resource Districts). No fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 344	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Natural Resources	
REVIEWED BY: Joe Massey		DATE: 1/24/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4181
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Department of Natural Resources assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 344			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 344	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	
REVIEWED BY: Joe Massey		DATE: 1/24/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4181
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 344			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 344

FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Isabella Peterson Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/22/2025 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-560-2017

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<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>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</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:

This bill proposes to amend Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-740, which is a section of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act pertaining to groundwater allocations for municipalities and municipal-served and nonmunicipal-served commercial or industrial uses in the fully and overappropriated areas of the state of Nebraska. As originally enacted, section 46-740 created an exemption from allocation restrictions imposed after November 1, 2005, that will apply until January 1, 2026, at which point allocations can be set based on the greater of the applicable permit amount or the greatest annual use during the previous twenty years. This proposal seeks to clarify the post-January 1, 2026 allocation for municipalities and commercial or industrial uses and proposes certain reporting requirements.

Implementation of this bill is entirely administrative does not create any fiscal impact upon the Department's budget or operations costs.

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>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Benefits.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Travel.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Aid.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital improvements.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Dean Edson

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 21, 2025

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

This proposal seeks to clarify the post-January 1, 2026, allocation for municipalities and commercial or industrial uses and proposes certain reporting requirements in fully or over-appropriated areas. This law was passed in 2005 and was scheduled to sunset.

The implementation of this bill is entirely administrative and does not create any fiscal impact upon the natural resources districts (NRDs) budget or operations costs.

The bill should make it easier for NRDs in fully or over-appropriated areas to account for new or expanded municipal/industrial water uses when developing and implementing water management plans.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-26	2026-27
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				