

# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2007-08</b>		<b>FY 2008-09</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below			

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 439 creates the Highway Finance Task Force consisting of 15 members as outlined in section 1, subsection (2). The Task Force is to hold at least three meetings open to the public and is to provide a final report by December 1, 2007. The issues to be examined by the Task Force are outlined in subsection (4). The Department of Roads is required to provide staffing and Task Force members are to be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

Representation on the Task Force is summarized as follows:

<u>Entity</u>	<u># of Members</u>
Dept. of Roads/Highway Comm.	4
Legislature	2
Omaha	1
Lincoln	1
First class city	1
Second class city or village	1
Counties	2
Road const. industry	1
Appointed at-large	2
Total	15

Assuming an average of \$200 of expenses for each member per meeting, and assuming a total of six meetings (including the three public ones), the total expenses are estimated to be \$18,000 for all 15 members. The bill is silent as to who is responsible for reimbursement of expenses incurred by members of the Task Force, so an estimate by entity is speculative. If each state agency and political subdivision pays for their own representative, and the Department of Roads also pays for the three members that are not public employees, the cost can likely be absorbed without an increase in appropriations.

The Department of Roads has estimated their costs to be \$15,000. It is assumed that this estimate includes not only the expenses of the two Road's employees and two Highway Commissioners appointed to the Task Force, but also includes the costs associated with staff involvement and production of the report.

Total costs are estimated to be \$28,200, which includes the Department's estimate of \$15,000 plus the estimated cost of non-Department representation (\$13,200)

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS  DEPARTMENT OF ROADS: It is only reasonable to assume that the Department of Roads shall be responsible for all expenses of the Highway Finance Task Force.			