

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				
CASH FUNDS	(\$94,262)		(\$270,039)	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$94,262)		(\$270,039)	

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

LB 898 adopts the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact within Nebraska. The bill amends provisions relating to the exchange of criminal history records across state lines for non-criminal justice purposes. The bill assigns specific responsibilities to the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and designates the Nebraska State Patrol as the central repository for these interstate information exchanges. Additionally, it provides guidelines for managing these exchanges and ensures that the compact's implementation does not conflict with existing state laws regarding the public's access to criminal history records.

Expenditures:

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) states that joining the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact will enable the Agency to avoid current FBI fees of \$13.25 per applicant, which averages about \$30,000 monthly. This change is significant considering the ongoing evaluation of the fee structure, which hasn't increased for many years. The bill would prevent future increase in operating expenses, including FBI fee hikes previously absorbed by the Agency, which has led to operational deficits, depleting Cash Fund reserves. The bill will substantially reduce the need for future fee increases.

The Agency plans to hire an additional IT Application Developer for system implementation and maintenance. This will entail an estimated salary and benefits of \$80,770 and \$83,193 for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Additional operational costs will include office supplies and annual OCIO costs. However, these expenses are expected to be offset by savings from reduced FBI fees, projected at \$178,200 and \$356,400 for the respective fiscal years. It's noted that the savings for 2024 will cover only half the year, as time is needed to set up the necessary systems.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court (005)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 02/02/2024	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Nebraska Supreme Court estimate of Minimal Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 898, with No additional resources required.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 898	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State Patrol (064)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/16/2024	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Nebraska State Patrol estimate of potential Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 898.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 898

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State Patrol

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	(\$94,262)		(\$270,039)	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$94,262)		(\$270,039)	

Explanation of Estimate:

By joining the compact as outlined in LB 898, the Agency will be able to eliminate the current FBI fees that it is charged per applicant (\$13.25). These fees have averaged roughly \$30,000 per month. It is important to note that the Criminal Identification Unit is currently evaluating its fee structure, as the fees charged to applicants has not been increased in many years. The passage of this bill will provide some fiscal relief from operating expenses that have increased in recent years and continue to increase due to inflation. This includes increases that the FBI has implemented for the fees that they charge to the Agency, which have been absorbed by the Agency without a corresponding increase in fees to the applicants. As a result, the unit has been operating at a deficit in recent years and has had to rely on Cash Fund reserves, which will eventually be depleted. Should this bill pass, the impact will be factored into the applicant fee analysis and will result in a partial reduction in the need to raise fees charged to applicants. While it may not entirely eliminate any applicant fee increases, the amount of the increase should be significantly lessened.

In order to implement the requirements of the compact, the Agency estimates that it will need one additional IT Application Developer to implement and maintain the computer systems needed. Salaries and benefits for this employee total \$80,770 and \$83,193 in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, respectively. Operational expenses include office supplies of \$150 and OCIO costs of \$3,018 annually. Savings in operational expenses as a result of the reduction in FBI fees are estimated at \$178,200 and \$356,400 in Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, respectively. The savings for Fiscal Year 2024 are estimated to only be for 6 months, as some time will be required to implement the systems needed for the compact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
IT Application Developer (A07011)	1	1	\$58,529	\$60,285
Benefits.....			\$22,241	\$22,908
Operating.....			(\$175,032)	(\$353,232)
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			(\$94,262)	(\$270,039)

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LB⁽¹⁾ 898

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Minor fiscal impact for judicial education. No additional resources required.

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Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____