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TO: Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson – Appropriations Committee
FROM: Nebraska Brand Committee - #39
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Report Pursuant to LB1 - Nebraska Brand Committee - #39

- In fiscal year 08-09, the Brand Committee had one resignation and one retirement. One full-time position was filled with intermittent personnel and one left vacant. The Nebraska Brand Committee, at their June 16, 2009 Committee meeting, voted to not grant the 2.9% cost of living increase effective July 1, 2009 due to agency budgeting and revenue of our cash funded agency. For FY 10, this will be a savings of \$127,961 in salaries, retirement and social security for the 53 full-time employees and the one director and one assistant director. With no projected changes, this would carry over to FY 11.
- As the Nebraska Brand Committee has a full-time resignation/retirement, they will look at the possibility of filling this position with intermittent help or leaving it vacant. They look at how serving the industry and providing brand inspection, as required by law, in a timely manner would be affected. In rural Nebraska, there can be a great distance to ranches and on unpaved roads, which can take more time to travel. However, there will be no discontinuation of services, but due to potential future reductions in staff, services may be slowed.
- The Nebraska Brand Committee is a totally cash fund operating agency and does not receive federal funds.
- The Nebraska Brand Committee did not have any cash fund transfers to the General Fund.