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LB 1215

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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				
CASH FUNDS	(\$21,576)		(\$3,364)	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$21,576)		(\$3,364)	

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

This bill changes the renewal requirements for certain nursing licenses to eliminate the provision of paper-based mailed notifications. The fiscal impact reflects savings from mailings which would be eliminated. Other provisions of the bill have no notable fiscal impact.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	1215	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact.			

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>		<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	(\$21,576)	\$0	(\$3,364)	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	(\$21,576)	\$0	(\$3,364)	\$0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1215, Section 1, changes the renewal requirements for Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN); Registered Nursing (RN); and Advanced Practicing Registered Nursing (APRN) credentials which must include evidence that the licensee has registered with the electronic database utilized by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The database provides DHHS with a means to make electronic renewal notifications to credential holders. Once all nursing credential holders have registered, the current paper-based renewal notification by mail would be made obsolete. The estimated cost savings to move away from paper license renewal notification is based upon the cost of each postcard printed at \$.05 each and US First Class Postage for a postcard at \$.53 each. As of July 1, 2023, there were approximately 43,000 licensed nurses in Nebraska.

	<u>FY24-25</u>	<u>FY25-26</u>
LPN Credential Renewals occur next on October 31, 2025		
Cost savings of 5,800 postcards @ .58 each	\$0	(\$3,364)
RN and APRN Credential Renewals occur next on October 31, 2024		
Cost savings of 37,200 postcards @ .58 each	(\$21,576)	\$0
Total for Section 1	(\$21,576)	(\$3,364)

LB 1215, Sec. 2, removes the fee associated with a Health Care Facility License applicant's request for an informal conference with a Peer Review Organization (PRO) representative to resolve disputes. Since fees are assessed based on actual incurred expenses for these conferences, cost savings would be offset by the loss of revenue. DHHS estimates on average the total fees collected and spent for these conferences is approximately \$25,000 annually.

LB 1215, Sec. 3 through Sec. 6, amends the Tuberculosis Detection and Prevention Act to allow alternate locations for tuberculosis treatment as approved by the Governor. LB 1215 also updates language to allow DHHS to create new rules and regulations regarding the treatment of Tuberculosis and strikes language enforcing regulations from 2004. DHHS regulations currently align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention practices. There is no fiscal impact to DHHS to implement and execute LB 1215, Sec. 3 through Sec. 6.

LB 1215, Sec. 7, removes restrictions from the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act for healthcare facilities wishing to expand the number of rehabilitation beds. Expanding the number of rehabilitation beds no longer requires the facility to submit occupancy data and rates to DHHS as evidence of need. Due to the low number of requests for expansion, there is no significant fiscal impact to DHHS.

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025	2025-2026
	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			(\$21,576)	(\$3,364)
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			(\$21,576)	(\$3,364)