

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2014-15</b>		<b>FY 2015-16</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	100,000 to 170,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	100,000 to 170,000			

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

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to extend the current lead agency pilot project contract through December 31, 2015. The pilot is to be studies by the same entity which conducted a prior evaluation of the child welfare system. The purpose of the study is determine whether case management should be the duty of the Department or a private entity under contract with the Department. The evaluation would be submitted to the Health and Human Services Committee, Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska Families Collaborative on or before December 31, 2015.

The Department would serve the children in the child welfare system regardless whether the services are provided by the Department directly or through a contracted lead agency. There would not be fiscal impact for the contract extension.

The evaluation cost would range from \$100,000 to \$170,000. These cost would be paid from General Funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 660	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Health and Human Services (HHS)
REVIEWED BY: Elton Larson	DATE: 1/21/2013	PHONE: 471-4173
COMMENTS: HHS analysis and estimate of fiscal impact appear reasonable.		

**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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	<b>FY 2014-2015</b>		<b>FY 2015-2016</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	\$169,958		\$0	
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$169,958		\$0	

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB660 would require that the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) extend the contract for the pilot project with Nebraska Families Collaborative (NFC) for case management in the Eastern Service Area through December 31, 2015. The bill would also require that the pilot project shall be evaluated by the same entity which conducted the evaluation required under 43-4409.

Since this bill requires DHHS to extend the contract to December 31, 2015, this would extend the contract into a new biennium. The current biennium runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. By extending the contract through December 31, 2015, the Legislature is directing the Department to enter into a contract beyond the 2 year budget and thereby binding department funds causing impact to the next biennium budget which will be set by the next legislative body.

As written, the bill extends the current contract for 18 months, but does not allow for any increased compensation or changes in the contract, therefore, the NFC contract compensation which is set for 12 months would remain the same for the 18 month period of time.

There is no fiscal impact for the pilot project contract in the current biennium.

The prior evaluation of the pilot project was conducted by the Center for the Support of Families and Hornsby Zeller at a cost of \$169,958. The estimated cost of a new project evaluation remains unchanged. No federal funds were able to be claimed under the prior evaluation.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2014-2015	2015-2016
		14-15	15-16	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....				\$169,958	\$0
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				<b>\$169,958</b>	<b>\$0</b>