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**LB 741**

Revision: 00

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

Under this bill, the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team would be given the additional responsibility to develop an understanding of the causes and incidences of stillbirths and develop recommendations for changes to prevent stillbirths as well as advise policymakers and the public on practices that will prevent stillbirths. The team is given the authority to review all stillbirths occurring on or after January 1, 2023, including death certificates and other documentation to allow the team to identify preventable causes of stillbirths.

The reviews are authorized to begin for stillbirths occurring on or after January 1, 2023. Vital records provides the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team with records in October of the following calendar year and the team begins reviews in January. The increase in workload would require an Epidemiologist to be added to the review team and a full-time Health Surveillance Specialist. The costs would not occur until FY 2025. The estimated first year costs for a half a fiscal year is \$113,000; annualized to \$227,000.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 741	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman	DATE: 1-14-2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4180	
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears 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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	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

This bill would add stillbirth reviews to the Child and Maternal Death Review Team (CMDRT) authority. Currently, the CMDRT reviews approximately 250 deaths of children ages 0-17 and 10 maternal deaths per year. In the past five years, stillbirths have ranged from 108-174 occurrences annually.

LB 741 states that reviews may begin on all stillbirths occurring on or after January 1, 2023. The current process of death reviews begins in October of the following year. Vital Records releases the final files for death reviews to the CMDRT by October of the following calendar year with CMDRT beginning reviews in January. Therefore, stillbirths that occur in the calendar year 2023 would not begin review until January of 2025. Based on average number of stillbirths per year, there will be a significant increase of the workload for the CMDRT. Additional resources would be necessary to comply with LB 741, including additional volunteer reviewers with a specialty in Obstetrics and/or Neonatology, an additional 1.0 FTE Health Surveillance Specialist and .5 FTE Epidemiologist for the review team. Additional staffing would need to be in place for January 2025. The estimated cost based on the current FY21-22 pay plan, is provided below to represent future fiscal years FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026.

POSITION TITLE	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Health Surveillance Specialist	.5	1.0	\$28,030	\$56,060
Epidemiologist	.3	.5	\$37,735	\$75,470
Benefits.....			\$22,512	\$45,022
Operating.....			\$25,424	\$50,847
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$113,701</b>	<b>\$227,399</b>

The cost of this work would be funded under Program 033 – Administration – Program 262 Public Health General Funds.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023 EXPENDITURES	2023-2024 EXPENDITURES
	22-23	23-24		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				

Capital Outlay.....  
Aid.....  
Capital Improvements.....  
**TOTAL**.....

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