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LB 61

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		See Below		See Below

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

This bill establishes the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The compact would allow for a streamlined process for physicians to become licensed in multiple states.

There are many unknown elements, so the fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time. The fees for the compact are unknown as is the number of physicians who would participate. Physician licensing fees are paid from cash funds, so any costs associated with this compact would be paid from cash funds and there would also be additional cash fund revenue.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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FY 2017-2018

FY 2018-2019

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 61 would establish statutory authority for Nebraska to participate in an Interstate Medical License Compact, which would allow an applicant to seek licensure in states that participate in the Compact based on licensure in the applicant's home state. If such an applicant meets the requirements of the Compact legislation, they may qualify for expedited licensure in Nebraska and other participating compact states. Additionally, LB 61 would create the Interstate Medical Licensure Commission, a body corporate and joint agency of the Compact member states.

There will be a fiscal impact associated with LB 61, though it is expected to be minimal over the next biennium as Compact coordination continues between member states. As of the December 2016 Compact rules, there is no annual assessment paid to the Commission. However, this is subject to future revision, and no cap on the assessment is included in LB 61. A future biennium could see the Department faced with increased expenses, with a corresponding strain on fee-generated cash revenue. There will be additional costs associated with the development and maintenance of the database used for electronic storage and interface of information among Compact member states. To date, no Compact licenses have been issued by any of the 18 current member states. Should the Compact advance to the point of issuing licenses, the expectation is that Department would fund expenditures from physician licensure fees.

DHHS Licensure would continue to charge its licensing fee and would receive a one-time payment of \$300 from any Nebraska physician applicants to the Compact. It is not known how many Nebraska-licensed physicians would be interested in pursuing an expedited license in one of the other Compact member states, though the Department expects this number to be a small fraction of the approximately 12,000 potentially eligible licensees. As such, the impact on cash revenue, though positive, is expected to be minimal.

There is no General Fund impact. Any impact would be Cash Funds.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2017-2018	2018-2019
	17-18	18-19	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				