

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES * |              |         |              |         |
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|  | FY 2008-09   |         | FY 2009-10   |         |
|  | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS                                | See below    |         | See below    |         |
| CASH FUNDS                                   |              |         | See Below    |         |
| FEDERAL FUNDS                                |              |         |              |         |
| OTHER FUNDS                                  |              |         |              |         |
| TOTAL FUNDS                                  | See below    |         | See Below    |         |

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill establishes the Save the Cure Act. A Commission for Saving the Cure is created. For administrative purposes only, the commission is located within the Department of Health and Human Services. Among its duties, the commission shall establish the Nebraska Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Network and provide grants for stem cell research. The Save the Cure Cash Fund is created. The bill would increase the transfer into the Health Care Cash Fund from \$55 million to \$55,500,000 beginning in FY 10 and every year thereafter if the University of Nebraska Medical Center proposes, develops, staffs or maintains a laboratory for the purposes of the Save the Cure Act.

This bill may increase the transfer into the Health Care Cash Fund by \$500,000 beginning in FY 10 if the University of Nebraska Medical Center has a laboratory meeting the criteria set forth in this bill. The medical center indicates that it may be possible to establish a small lab of this type, but could exceed the amount provided for in the bill.

If there is an additional transfer, it would decrease the investment earnings for the two funds which support the Health Care Cash Fund – the Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and lower the principal. Through the year 2015, the ending balance is projected to be approximately \$5,000,000 less than if this transfer does not take place.

The cost for travel for the Commission for Saving the Cure is estimated to be \$2,000 annually. In FY 09, the cost would be approximately \$1,000 for a half year. It is assumed these would be General Fund costs, as the commission is not contingent upon UNMC having a laboratory meeting the criteria set forth in the bill which is the trigger for the transfer of the funding into the Save the Cure Cash Fund. The commission would also develop and fund the Nebraska Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Network. It appears the \$500,000 from the Health Care Cash Fund would not be adequate to support both a lab and the network. Either General Funds would be needed or the commission would need to identify and secure grants for the network.

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| COMMENTS  |              |      |         |       |          |
| UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: Concur with agency response. The \$500,000 per fiscal year starting in FY 2009-10 comes from the Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and goes into the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, from which it is spent by UNMC. |              |      |         |       |          |