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LB 554

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
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.

This bill adopts the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact. Ten states are required to adopt the compact for it to go into effect. It is anticipated that the compact may be formed by September 2023.

There would be no cost in the next biennium. After the compact is in effect, there will be additional costs for annual fees. The fees would be paid from fees paid by license holders.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 554 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of no 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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FY 2021-2022

FY 2022-2023

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 554 proposes to adopt the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact. The formation of the compact will be complete upon adoption of ten (10) State governments. After that time, the compact's executive committee may vote to require annual dues from member states and well as assess fees to licensee members. According to the American Counseling Association's website, the compact is expected to be formed by September 2023.

If the compact's executive committee decides that annual dues for member states cannot be recouped from licensees, then there would be a fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Based upon annual fees assessed by other similar compacts, the costs should be minimal. There will be additional costs incurred by DHHS for training and travel to meet compact membership requirements for one (1) delegate. These costs may be reimbursed by the compact, if applicable. However, the Department of Health and Human Services does not expect to incur any cost by the end of State Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

LB 554 will require DHHS to perform additional tasks, such as data reporting to the compact and handling the addition of fingerprinting requirements. The cost of these tasks will be absorbed by existing staff. The cost of fingerprinting will be borne by the applicant, currently set at \$45.25 by the Nebraska State Patrol. Current licensees require a criminal background check only.

Therefore, it is estimated there will be no fiscal impact to DHHS for the upcoming biennium.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2021-2022	2022-2023
	21-22	22-23	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0