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LB 988

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$100,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$100,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$200,000			

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

This bill appropriates \$100,000 in General Funds in FY 2023 for a study of assisted living and memory care rates. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to claim a federal Medicaid match for the study costs. The elements of the study are provided in the bill. The study would be contracted with a Nebraska-based economic and business research organization. A report is due to the Appropriations Committee by September 1, 2022 with recommendations on rate changes, rate structure, rate methodology and frequency for future rate studies. The bill has the emergency clause.

The Medicaid administrative match rate is 50% state and 50% federal. The total cost is \$200,000 in FY 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 988	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact.			

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 2022-2023

FY 2023-2024

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$100,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$100,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

LB988 appropriates \$100,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to carry out a study for determining reasonable rates for assisted-living care and assisted-living memory care for individuals participating in the aged and disabled Medicaid waiver programs. LB988 then states that the department shall claim federal Medicaid administrative matching funds at a rate of 50% for a total to not exceed \$200,000.

In order to carry out this section, the department shall contract with an independent, Nebraska-based economic and business research organization. Such study shall be completed by September 1, 2022, and shall include an electronic report to the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature with recommendations for rate changes, rate structure, methodology, and frequency of future rate studies.

DHHS would need staff time to oversee the study, approve deliverables, coordinate, pull data, etc. for the rate study activities, particularly given the deadline of September 1, 2022. The estimated cost for the positions listed below is \$3,857, and can be absorbed by the Department.

Estimate 20 hours of procurement time, 20 hours of program specialist time to procure.

Estimate Program staff time (if internal an Administrator 1, if external a project manager) to manage and execute – average of 4 hours per week from April 1 – August 31.

Estimate 40 hours of a Statistical Analyst III time for data pulls.

Estimate 8 hours of Public Information Officer (PIO) time to review, edit, report prior to approval.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023	2023-2024
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$200,000	
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$200,000	\$0