

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	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.

LB 159, called the Fostering Independence Higher Education Grant Act, provides financial aid to eligible foster youth help cover the costs of attending a postsecondary education institution in Nebraska. These grants would supplement other aid or scholarship programs which may cover only tuition and fees, and would be distributed after Pell grants, waivers, and other financial aid are applied.

The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) prepared estimates for both the aid and the operational costs to administer this program. The estimate for Aid reflects unmet need remaining after Pell grants, waivers, and other financial aid are applied. (Other scholarships frequently cover tuition and fees only).

The CCPE found that for the 2021-22 academic year, the Central Plains Center for Services served 376 foster youth attending postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska with 327 youths participating in Central Plains' Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program. Of those 326 students, 181 attended a community college, 136 attended a 4-year college or university, and 9 attended a specialized training or trade program. Using an average annual net cost of attendance (after deducting for Pell grants, waivers, ETV grants, and other financial aid) of \$2,683 for 2-year public institutions and \$9,575 for 4-year institutions, the CCPE estimates that annual aid totaling \$1,800,000 could be distributed to these students.

The CCPE would administer this aid directly to the higher education institutions. They explain that a 0.5 FTE Program Associate would be needed to administer this program. Operational costs would include salary, benefits, postage, computer / telecom, rent, and expenses for a public hearing for rules.

The charge for rent is not an increase in total rent expense for the agency; but it is an internal allocation amount which would have to be appropriated for this specific program. There could be a reduction of \$3,000 in the appropriation for the CCPE's other programs. The CIO expense for FY24-25 could also be less if the FY23-24 expense includes a one-time computer purchase.

	FY23-24	F24-25
Aid (est.)	1,800,000	1,800,000
Operations	22,500	23,600
Salaries, 0.5 FTE	15,000	15,700
Benefits	1,000	1,000
Postage	500	0
Public Hearing for Rules	3,000	3,000
CIO costs	3,000	3,000
Rent	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Subtotal Operations	45,000	46,300
Total Estimate	1,845,000	1,846,300

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	159	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/17/23	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the estimate provided by the agency.				

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	159	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State College System	
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/11/23	PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: Agree with the agency that the bill will have not increased costs.				

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Gary Timm Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/12/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.471.2208

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>1,845,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,846,300</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,845,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,846,300</u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 159 provides last-dollar financial aid to eligible foster youth to attend a postsecondary education institution in Nebraska. For the 2021-22 year, Central Plains Center for Services served 376 foster youth attending postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska with 326 youths participating in Central Plains' Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program. Of the 326 students, 181 attended a community college, 136 attended a 4-year college or university, and 9 attended a specialized training or trade program.

Using an average annual net price of attendance (after deducting for Pell grants, waivers, ETV grants, and other financial aid) of \$2,683 for 2-year public institutions and \$9,575 for 4-year institutions, annual aid expenditures are estimated at \$1,800,000. This estimate does not include potential increases in the number of participants as reported by Central Plains Center for Services.

A 0.5 FTE Program Associate would be needed to administer this program with estimated administrative and costs of: Salary \$22,500; Benefits \$15,000; Postage \$1,000; Public hearing for rules \$500; CIO Charges \$3,000; Rent \$3,000.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Program Associate	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>23,600</u>
Benefits.....			<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,700</u>
Operating.....			<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Travel.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital outlay.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....			<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>1,800,000</u>
Capital improvements.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....			<u>1,845,000</u>	<u>1,846,300</u>

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska State College System

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Monte R. Kramer Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 10, 2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2507

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____