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LB 736

Revision: 00

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	See below		See below	
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 states legislative intent to appropriate \$20,000,000 in General Funds in FY24 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to Program 347 Public Assistance for state aid to be used only to supplement the federally funded Community Services Block Grant for Nebraska Community Action Agencies to support capital campaigns which can include purchase, renovation, and other costs relating to facilities for the purpose of providing expanded services.

DHHS indicates the requirements of the emergency clause cannot be met as staff will need to be hired, new program agreements drafted, contracts executed, and regulations revised. DHHS indicates the need for 2 FTES starting in July 2023, a Program Coordinator and a Program Specialist, to implement and oversee reimbursements in accordance with the provisions of the bill. The total personnel cost amounts to \$154,953 in FY24 and \$162,701 in FY25.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	736	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.			
Technical Note: The current appropriation language is not sufficient to create an appropriation. The fiscal impact assessment assumes an accompanying A-bill articulating appropriation in accordance with §49-804.			

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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	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$20,154,953		\$162,701	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$20,154,953		\$162,701	

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 736 intends to appropriate \$20,000,000 from the State General Fund to the Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) in FY 2023-2024. The funds are to supplement the federally funded Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) for community action agencies to support capital campaigns. This can include purchase, renovation, and other costs related to facilities.

LB 736 has an emergency clause, but CFS cannot meet the requirements of the emergency clause. LB 376 will require the creation of a new program within the CSBG Program, CSBG staff must be hired, and the agencies will need to submit proposals for how the funds will be utilized. CSBG Staff must review and approve the proposals. Agreements must be drafted and executed. Title 481 Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) must be revised.

The Department of Health and Human Services would require 1 Program Coordinator and 1 full-time Program Specialist to implement the new program. Establishing the agreements will require additional time from Procurement Staff and reimbursing agencies for expenditures will require additional time from Accounting Staff. LB 736 does not account for any of the administrative costs to be incurred by CFS. Thus, additional State General Funds would be required for all work conducted on the newly created program. Federal CSBG funds cannot be utilized for the administrative costs of this program.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024	2024-2025
	23-24	24-25	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
V73260 - DHHS Program Coordinator	1.00	1.00	\$49,645	\$52,128
K73210 - DHHS Program Specialist	1.00	1.00	\$46,182	\$48,491
Benefits.....			\$33,540	\$35,217
Operating.....			\$25,586	\$26,865
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$20,000,000	
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$20,154,953	\$162,701