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**LB 772**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

| <b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) |                   |         |                   |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|   | <b>FY 2023-24</b> |         | <b>FY 2024-25</b> |         |
|   | 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 establishes the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program within the Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The purpose is to make grants available for construction of a facility for pregnant and parenting homeless youth to be located in a city of the primary class. CFS is to develop eligibility criteria for grants under the program. A primary class municipality is defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 15-101 as all cities having more than one hundred thousand and less than four hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census which currently is only Lincoln.

DHHS indicates the costs of implementation are a temporary staff including a Children’s Services Inspection Specialist, an Admin Technician, a Program Specialist, and an Administrator. In future years DHHS would incur a one-time system update cost, not reflected in this fiscal note. Additional staff beyond the temporary employees detailed here would be needed if the program administration is ongoing to support license renewals, background checks, eligibility processing, and manage incoming inquires. There is no basis to disagree with the estimated costs as reported.

The bill creates the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Fund. The bill also states legislative intent to appropriate \$2,000,000 in General Funds in FY24 to carry out the program.

| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>   |              |       |  |                       |
|--|--------------|-------|--|-----------------------|
| LB:  | 772          | AM:   | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services |                       |
| REVIEWED BY:   | Ann Linneman | DATE: | 2-8-2023   | PHONE: (402) 471-4180 |
| COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.   |              |       |  |                       |
| <u>Technical Note:</u> 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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|                      | FY 2023-2024 |         | FY 2024-2025 |         |
|----------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                      | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
| <b>GENERAL FUNDS</b> | \$1,837,287  | \$0     | \$162,713    | \$0     |
| <b>CASH FUNDS</b>    | \$0          | \$0     | \$0          | \$0     |
| <b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b> | \$0          | \$0     | \$0          | \$0     |
| <b>OTHER FUNDS</b>   | \$0          | \$0     | \$0          | \$0     |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>   | \$1,837,287  | \$0     | \$162,713    | \$0     |

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

LB772 creates the Residential Youth Parenting Facility Grant Program.

Child and Family Services (CFS) will develop the eligibility criteria for this program and act as administer for the purpose of making grants available to Residential Child-Caring Agencies (RCCA) for the construction of a facility for pregnant and parenting homeless youth. This will require temporary staff in the form of a Program Specialist and a Department of Health and Human Services Administrator I.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will need an additional temporary Children’s Services Inspection Specialist to complete licensing, inspection, and investigation duties. A temporary Administrative Technician is also necessary to support the initial processes of RCCA licensing.

If an associated “A” Bill for LB772 is passed to appropriate the funds to support these responsibilities, \$2,000,000 would be added to the existing appropriation unless that appropriation is reduced by some amount.

This fiscal note is separated by program as follows:

| Description    | Program   | Amount      | Time Frame   |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| CFS Temp Staff | 033 (265) | \$82,154    | Temp         |
| Child Welfare  | 354       | \$1,682,322 | FY 2023-2024 |
| DPH Temp Staff | 033 (262) | \$72,811    | Temp         |

In future years, once the RCCA is built, CFS will incur one-time Nebraska Family Online Client User System (NFOCUS) update costs. If CFS is required to oversee the new program, there will be additional ongoing staffing needs. DPH will also experience ongoing staffing costs to support the renewal processes of RCCA licensing, maintaining the fingerprint based federal background checks, eligibility documentation, and to assist with licensing phone calls and inquiries.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

| PERSONAL SERVICES:        | NUMBER OF POSITIONS |       | 2023-2024   | 2024-2025    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
|                           | POSITION TITLE      | 23-24 | 24-25       | EXPENDITURES |
| Benefits.....             |                     |       | \$0         | \$0          |
| Operating.....            |                     |       | \$154,965   | \$162,713    |
| Travel.....               |                     |       | \$0         | \$0          |
| Capital Outlay.....       |                     |       | \$0         | \$0          |
| Aid.....                  |                     |       | \$1,682,322 | \$0          |
| Capital Improvements..... |                     |       | \$0         | \$0          |

TOTAL.....

\$1,837,287

\$162,713

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