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LB 1062

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	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 would change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act to include veterinarians and add one veterinarian to the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission. The Commission currently has 11 designated members and the addition of a veterinarian would make it a 12-member commission.

The bill would establish a loan repayment program to provide financial incentives of up to \$30,000 annually, not to exceed \$90,000 total per recipient, to eligible veterinarians who agree to provide at least 50% of their services to livestock in rural areas of Nebraska. The bill does not provide additional funding for incentives so newly qualifying applicants would receive incentive from the existing funds for the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive program.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would require at least an additional 0.5 FTE at the Health Program Manager I. The funding for this position can be absorbed within the agency’s current appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	1062	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services’ assessment 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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	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>		<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	
	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 1062 adds certain Nebraska licensed veterinarians to be eligible for the student loan repayment program under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

LB 1062 also adds a veterinarian to the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission. The commission meets four (4) times per year. Additional travel reimbursement expenses for one (1) member are estimated at \$1,000 per year. The department will absorb this cost.

The Department of Health and Human Services estimates at a minimum that an additional .5 FTE Health Program Manager I would be needed to implement and administer the addition of veterinarians to the existing program. The number of participants would be dependent upon additional funds available for the program and may impact the need for additional staff support. The estimated minimum cost for personnel is as follows:

POSITION(S)				FY 2024-2025							
Job Code	Job Title	Hourly Rate	Hours per Year	E-Clause	FTE	Modified FTE	Pay	Benefits (35%)	Operating costs (26.7%)	Total	
H74241	Health Program Manager I	26.18	2,080	No	0.50	0.38	\$ 20,422	\$ 7,148	\$ 7,361	\$ 34,931	
				FY 2025-2026							
5% increase	Hours per Year	FTE	Pay	Benefits (35%)	Operating costs (26.7%)	Total					
\$ 27,491	2,080	0.50	\$ 28,591	\$ 10,007	\$ 10,306	\$ 48,903					

It is anticipated that General Funds would be used for all administrative costs associated with LB 1062 as part of Program 033 – Administration. The department will absorb these costs.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025 EXPENDITURES	2025-2026 EXPENDITURES
		24-25	25-26		
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$0	\$0