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LB 1265

Revision: 00

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.

LB1265 aims to prioritize the allocation of the initial \$1.5 million in grants to statewide legal service providers. These providers specialize in offering direct, free civil legal services to housing matters. Following the distribution of these funds, any remaining grant money will be allocated to service providers that offer other types of free civil legal services.

LB1265 does not have a fiscal impact on Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy, but notes that the Legal Aid and Services Fund, is entirely supported by filing fees. This fund's revenue was \$1,635,213 in 2022 and increased to \$1,721,736 in 2023.

Currently, there are three statewide agencies that receive funding for providing free legal services related to housing. Under the new allocation strategy of LB1265, these agencies are set to receive the first \$1.5 million of the grant. Should this occur, other agencies currently funded may not receive their allocation until November, contingent on the fund's revenue inflow. This delay could potentially affect the availability of funding for agencies that provide free civil legal services in areas such as immigration and domestic violence assistance.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 1265	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy (094)
REVIEWED BY: Joe Wilcox	DATE: 01/17/2024	PHONE: (402) 471-4178
COMMENTS: Agree with the Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy estimate of No Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 1265. The bill does not change the overall level of funding related to providing grants for civil legal services, only the priority in assigning such grants.		

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

This LB does not have a fiscal impact on our agency.

Fund 29420, Legal Aid and Services Fund, is completely funded through filing fees. The revenue for this fund was \$1,635,213.40 in 2022 and \$1,721,735.76 in 2023. The Legal Aid and Services Fund grant runs on the calendar year.

Currently there are only three statewide agencies which receive funding who provide free legal services related to housing. If these three agencies receive the first \$1,500,000.00 the other agencies which currently receive funding may not receive funds until November depending on revenue received. This may impact funding for agencies providing free civil legal service in the areas of immigration and domestic violence assistance.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____