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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised based on amendments adopted through March 15, 2010.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

The bill as originally introduced makes several technical changes to statutes governing the Department of Health and Human Services. None of these provisions have a fiscal impact. In the committee amendment, eleven bills were incorporated into the bill. Nine of these bills have no fiscal impact. They are LB 25, LB 702, LB 726, LB 734, LB 828, LB 849, LB930, LB 941 and LB 1027. Two other bills amended into LB 849 are described below.

LB 857 was amended into this bill. It changes provisions related to the modular housing and the manufactured homes and recreational vehicles program at the Public Service Commission.

A new cash fund is created (The Public Service Commission Housing and Recreational Vehicle Cash Fund) to replace the existing Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles Cash Fund as well as the Modular Housing Units Cash Fund.

Fees that formerly were remitted to the Modular Housing Units Cash Fund are maintained at their current range of between $100 and $1,000 per seal.

Fees that were formerly remitted to the Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles Cash Fund were to be in a range between $10 and $75 per seal. LB 857 removes the statutorily provided range and replaces it with language allowing the PSC to set the seal fee in an amount determined by the Commission annually.

On the Act's operative date, any money in the former funds shall be transferred to the new fund.

Under the bill's provisions, the PSC will be able to raise and lower some of the existing fees it sets. It is likely that the fees in question will be raised to address an historic issue of insufficient revenue. However, the amount of additional revenue that will be generated is unknown at this time.

LB 766 was amended into this bill. It repeals the sunset of the Nebraska Center for Nursing Act. The act will terminate on July 1, 2010, if not extended.

The Board of Nursing recommends annually the amount needed to support the Center for Nursing. The amount is capped at 15% of nursing licensing revenue. Currently $50,560 is used to support the Center for Nursing. This amount would no longer be used for the Center for Nursing but would be available for other nursing regulatory activity beginning in FY 11 if this act sunsets. With this bill the cash fund appropriation would continue.