

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	\$0			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0			

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

In Nebraska’s 2022 Legislative session, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds were appropriated via LB 1014. In that bill, \$2,500,000 of the ARPA funding awarded to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was intended to increase access to beds to be used for behavioral / mental health purposes.

LB 931 seeks to allow this \$2,500,000 to be used for other ARPA-related initiatives. If passed, LB 931 would appropriate \$2,500,000 from DHHS to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents (NU). This \$2.5 million would be used for Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) initiatives (which is currently using \$25,500,000 in LB 1014 ARPA funding appropriated via NU).

The University of Nebraska Medical Center’s (UNMC) BHECN ARPA Awards Program would allocate about \$1,000,000 to provide support for the supervision of, and stipends for, behavioral health trainees to ensure they are successfully completing their degree programs. About \$1,000,000 would be allocated to provide support to or supervision of provisionally licensed behavioral health providers. Then, about \$500,000 would be allocated to organizations to recruit and retain behavioral health providers.

NU / UNMC explains that 100% of the funds would be distributed directly to organizations in Nebraska (NU is the pass-through agency), and that the existing BHECN ARPA Awards Program has sufficient operational administrative support to oversee an additional application and review committee process.

	<u>FY24-25</u>	<u>FY25-26</u>
DHHS Federal Funds	(\$2,500,000)	\$0
NU Federal Funds	\$2,500,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	931	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB931 removes funds reappropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services through the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund that were being used for the purpose of expanding access to behavioral health acute care beds in rural areas. The bill is repurposing those funds for use by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, specifically to the Behavioral Health Education Center.

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

LB (1) 0931 Change appropriations of Federal Funds for behavioral health purposes FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:⁽²⁾ University of Nebraska System
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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2024 - 25		FY 2025 - 26	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>2,500,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,500,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB931, if passed, would appropriate \$2.5 million in federal funds from the State of Nebraska's Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to be distributed to the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

BHECN addresses workforce shortages by disseminating funding to programs that support behavioral health internship and training programs, recruitment and retention stipends, and funding for supervision of provisionally licensed behavioral health providers.

If passed, BHECN at UNMC would use the \$2.5 million appropriation from the Federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to address Nebraska's continued behavioral health needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic through the existing BHECN ARPA Awards Program established as a result of LB1014 in 2022. This funding would allow organizations in Nebraska to have a deeper impact and sustainability of their behavioral health workforce programs.

The BHECN ARPA Awards Program would allocate approximately \$1 million to provide support for the supervision of and stipends for behavioral health trainees to ensure they are successfully completing their degree programs. Approximately \$1 million would be allocated to provide support for supervision of provisionally licensed behavioral health providers, reducing barriers to full licensure and increasing the number of fully licensed providers. Lastly, approximately \$500,000 would be allocated to organizations to recruit and retain behavioral health providers. The allocation of these funds in the categories above allow organizations to meet the growing behavioral health needs of the population in Nebraska.

One hundred percent of the funds would be distributed directly to organizations in Nebraska. The existing BHECN ARPA Awards Program has sufficient operational administrative support to oversee an additional application and review committee process.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024 - 25 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	2025 - 26 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>24 - 25</u>	<u>25 - 26</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			<u>2,500,000.00</u>	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>2,500,000.00</u>	