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LB 1291

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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	\$738,118		\$741,662	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$738,118		\$741,663	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,476,236		\$1,483,325	

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

LB1291 amends 79-10, 141 to permanently authorize the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program; & to require the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) to administer a program to provide electronic benefit transfer funds to eligible youth in the summer.

EXPENDITURES:

Administrative expenditures for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are split fifty-fifty between the federal & state governments.

NDE estimates the need for \$1,000,000 to establish an electronic benefits transfer system to met the provisions of LB1291.

NDE estimates the need for an additional four FTEs to administer & monitor the program. For FY2024-25, the FTEs will have a salary/benefits expense of \$408,604; & operating expenses of \$67,632. For FY2025-26, the FTEs will have a salary/benefits expense of \$421,242; & operating expenses of \$62,083.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	1291	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Education	
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<p>COMMENTS: Disagree that state General Funds would be required for this activity. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 provides federal funding to states. For the Summer EBT program.</p> <p>Agree the agency would likely need additional staff but needing four new staff does not appear to be reasonable.</p> <p>Unable to comment on the estimate of needing \$1 million to establish an electronic benefit transfer system as no information is provided on what it will take to do this system. Do not believe that \$1 million would be needed in both fiscal years.</p> <p>The agency's estimate of the salary increases in FY2025-26 of 5% is not reasonable. Typical increases for the agency have ranged from 1% to 3%.</p>				

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Education

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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	<u>\$1,483,989</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$1,496,255</u>	<u> </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>\$1,483,989</u></u>	<u> </u>	<u><u>\$1,496,255</u></u>	<u> </u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1291 would require the Nebraska Department of Education to administer summer electronic benefit transfers for eligible youth. The NDE estimates a need for four program specialists to administer and monitor the program, and an additional \$1 million to establish the electronic benefit transfer system.

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>
Program Specialist II	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>247,220</u>	<u>259,581</u>
Benefits.....			<u>161,384</u>	<u>166,605</u>
Operating.....			<u>1,067,632</u>	<u>1,062,083</u>
Travel.....			<u>7,753</u>	<u>7,986</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aid.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Capital improvements.....			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL.....			<u><u>\$1,483,989</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,496,255</u></u>