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LB 372

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		See below		See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		See below		See below

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

Sec. 85-961 currently provides that community colleges (with exceptions specifically authorized by statute and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education) have sole responsibility for the award of associate degrees, diplomas and certificates in less than baccalaureate degree program areas. LB372 would amend this provision so as to clarify that the reference to certificates relates to certificates comprised of courses at the associate-degree level or below. The bill would also amend Sec. 85-943 and authorize the University of Nebraska (upon Coordinating Commission approval per existing provisions of Sec. 85-1413 and 85-1414) to offer certificates within fields in addition to those already specifically authorized in statute if the preponderance of the courses comprising the certificates is above the associate-degree level. As indicated by the respective entities, the bill represents no fiscal impact to either the Coordinating Commission or the Nebraska community colleges. The University of Nebraska estimates the authority granted by LB372 could result in additional net revenue approximating \$100,000 annually. However, the level of net revenue realized will apparently depend significantly upon the nature and extent of certificate programs that may be undertaken by the University under authority that would be granted by bill.

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COMMENTS					
COORDINATING COMM. FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUC. – Concur.					
COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION – Concur.					
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA – Concur.					