

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$111,875		\$96,326	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$111,875		\$96,326	

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

This bill changes provisions of the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Act as administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). It allows physicians to use participation in the state-designated Health Information Exchange (HIE) to fulfill the requirement of participation. It obligates the HIE to prepare the information required in the Parkinson’s Registry report and data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) on the designated drug prescriptions and send such information to DHHS. DHHS is allowed, within reasonable notice, to inspect a representative sample of the medical records of Parkinson’s patients to ensure compliance.

The bill adds to the reporting requirements medical record number, race, and ethnicity and designates specific types of additional information that may be included as supplemental information on the report. The bill removes the semi-annual report by pharmacists to DHHS.

The bill requires DHHS report to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before January 1, 2024 and every year thereafter a program summary update on incidents and prevalence of Parkinson’s disease with specific information. Additionally, DHHS is to create and maintain a webpage called Nebraska Parkinson’s Disease Research Registry on or before January 1, 2024 and every year thereafter which publishes the yearly program summary to the Legislature. Data from the registry is to be made available by DHHS and the HIE to researchers that have the approval of an institutional review board in accordance with applicable Federal laws including but not limited to the Food and Drug Administration and HIPAA as well as all other relevant federal regulations, state statutes, and policies of the institution where research will be conducted.

Changes made by this bill will have a fiscal impact however the number of personnel DHHS will need to comply with the new report requirement is disputable. Based on other bills that would impose a similar state-wide reporting requirement, one data analyst should suffice. The cost of a data analyst starting October 1, 2023 amounts to \$61,875 in FY24 and \$83,826 in FY25. System updates to make compatible the Nebraska Parkinson’s Disease Registry and the HIE would cost \$50,000 in the initial year and \$12,500 each year thereafter.

Technical note: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-6,110 restricts the use of General Funds for the Nebraska Parkinson’s Disease Registry. Unless that statute is changed, funds needed to cover the cost of changes to the NPDR would need to be from cash funds such as the Health and Human Services Cash Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	680	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.			

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 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$380,376	\$0	\$396,416	\$0
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FUNDS	\$380,376	\$0	\$396,416	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 680 requires the state-designated Health Information Exchange (HIE) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to exchange data for the Nebraska Parkinson’s Disease Registry (NPDR). Physicians will be able to use participation in the HIE to meet the NPDR reporting requirement. Patients who have been dispensed listed drugs will no longer have to be reported to the NPDR by the dispensing pharmacist; that information is to be provided by the HIE.

DHHS will also be required to submit an annual report to the Legislature summarizing the prevalence of the Parkinson’s disease. A website update, performed by the current and additional staff listed below, about the program and registry will have to be developed and research requests for this registry will be slightly changed.

An Informatician, Administrative Assistant, and an Epidemiologist will be required for these listed responsibilities. They will coordinate with the various offices and vendors, troubleshoot reporting and helpdesk activities, and oversee the data analysis and mandated reporting, respectively.

LB 680 eases some of the reporting burden that physicians experience by allowing the current HIE records to feed directly to the NPDR. Setting up these feeds and managing the compatibility between the two different systems would require the IT support from the NPDR system vendor. The costs for this initial set up, based on previous similar system changes, is approximately \$50,000. The expected annual cost for maintenance and operations is typically around 25% of the initial development fee; therefore, the expected annual amount after the initial development would be \$12,500.

Currently the NPDR prohibits the use of General Funds for the registry. Unless this NPDR statute is revised through this bill, any funds received will need to be cash funds that are deposited into the Health and Human Services (HHS) Cash Fund.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024	2024-2025
	23-24	24-25	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Informatician	0.75	0.50	\$69,451	\$48,616
Administrative Assistant	0.75	1.00	\$24,894	\$34,852
Epidemiologist	0.75	1.00	\$109,969	\$153,957

Benefits.....	\$71,510	\$83,099
Operating.....	\$104,552	\$75,892
Travel.....	\$0	\$0

Capital Outlay.....	\$0	\$0
Aid.....	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements.....	\$0	\$0
TOTAL.....	\$380,376	\$396,416