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LB 1187

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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				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill expands the scope of practice for Registered Nurses to include acupuncture on ears. There is minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services to update regulations and the licensing system. Fiscal impact can be absorbed.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	1187	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	1-30-2024
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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				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1187 changes the scope of practice for Registered Nurses (RN) to add performing auricular acupuncture under direction of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. LB 1187 further states the RN must have completed an instructional program and supervised clinical practice through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs (VA).

DHHS does not provide instructional or clinical practice programs in acupuncture. It is unclear as to whether the VA offers such a program, although these types of services are covered for VA patients by providers who meet their established requirements. This fiscal note does not include any costs associated with creating and conducting an instructional or clinical practice for auricular acupuncture. It does assume that DHHS would be responsible for modifying the existing regulations to reflect LB 1187 including identifying appropriate instructional and clinical practice programs that would meet public health standards of care that would allow certification to be issued to an RN.

The cost impact to DHHS to perform this work is being deferred from a formal request at this time and is estimated as follows:

1. Modifying existing regulations may take longer due to research involved to draft requirements.

Title	Hour(s)	Hourly Cost	Absorbed Cost
<i>Director</i>	4	\$ 77	\$ 309
<i>Deputy Director</i>	4	\$ 56	\$ 223
<i>Administrator I</i>	4	\$ 31	\$ 126
<i>Program Specialist</i>	8	\$ 23	\$ 186
<i>Program Analyst</i>	16	\$ 23	\$ 363
<i>Attorney III</i>	30	\$ 35	\$ 1,035
<i>Total Costs</i>			\$ 2,242

2. Modify electronic licensing system to add requirements and option for RNs to obtain additional certificate and update applications and regulation information on public website.

POSITION(S)			FY 2024-2025					
Job Code	Job Title	Hourly Rate	No. of Hours	FTE	Pay	Benefits (35%)	Operating costs (26.7%)	Total
V07081	IT Business Systems Analyst	26.44	20.00	1.00	\$ 529	\$ 185	\$ 191	\$ 905

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025	2025-2026
	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0