

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2014-15		FY 2015-16	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	487,484	690,010	503,462	690,010
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	487,484	690,010	503,462	690,010

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

This bill increases the fee for vital records by \$5 from \$11 to \$16. The fee increase would apply to birth, death, marriage, divorce and abstract of marriage certificates. The maximum charge for death certificates provide to the Nebraska Medical Association or allied medical societies and committees is increase from \$2 to \$3. The bill has the emergency clause. The operative date is July 1, 2014.

There are approximately 138,000 record searches per year. The fee increase would generate revenue of \$690,000 annually. The death certificates for the Medical Association and allied societies and committees would generate an additional \$10 in revenue.

The department submitted a deficit request for a \$600,000 transfer from the Medicaid False Claims Act Fund to the Vital Records fund because revenue is falling short of costs. The Governor recommended that general funds be internally be reallocated to this function. Historically Vital Records has been solely cash funded. No general funds have ever been specifically provided for this function.

The department indicates that \$487,484 in FY 15 and \$503,462 in FY 16 would be used for security, maintenance and compliance with minimum compliance standards.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 994	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Health and Human Services (HHS)	
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COMMENTS: The increased revenue from proposed fee increase would be used to supplant general funds currently used to support vital records program, enhance security, software maintenance, meet minimum compliance standards, and other increased operating costs. Remaining increased revenue would be used to increase cash reserve balance.			

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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	FY 2014-2015		FY 2015-2016	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$487,484	\$690,010	\$503,462	\$690,010
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$487,484	\$690,010	\$503,462	\$690,010

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

Explanation of Estimate: Program 033

There is a fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services for revenue and expenditures.

LB994 raises fees for certificate requests (birth, death, marriage and divorce, abstract of marriage) from an \$11.00 charge to a \$16.00 charge to each applicant's request for access to a certified copy and caps the cost of a search for death certificate for the Nebraska Medical Association or allied medical societies/committees at \$3.00 per search, a \$1 increase.

Based on an average of 138,000 records per year at a \$5 dollar increase revenue would be increased by \$690,000 annually on certificate requests. Based on an average of 10 searches per year at an increase of \$1 revenue would increase by \$10 annually. The total amount of estimated revenue would be \$690,010 (\$690,000 + \$10) annually.

The additional revenue will help Vital Records cover necessary cost for security, upgrade maintenance on software, base line minimum compliance standards from NAPHSIS (National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems) and increased operating costs (i.e. salaries).

	FY 2014-2015	FY2015-2016
Security, Upgrade Maintenance, Base Line Minimum Compliance Standards	\$250,000	\$250,000
Operating Cost	\$237,484	\$253,462
Total Expenditures	\$487,484	\$503,462

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2014-2015 EXPENDITURES	2015-2016 EXPENDITURES
	14-15	15-16		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$487,484	\$503,462
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				

Capital Improvements.....

TOTAL.....

\$487,484	\$503,462
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