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LB 828

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2020-21		FY 2021-22	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$29,327	\$21,000		
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$29,327	\$21,000		

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

This bill makes changes to the scope of practice for optometrists.

The changes will result in a temporary workload increase for the Department of Health and Human Services. A part-time licensing specialist would be needed in the first year. The personnel and one-time operating costs would be \$29,327 in FY 2021. The Department estimates revenue of \$21,600 from fees.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 828 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department Health and Human Services (DHHS)	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with DHHS analysis and estimate 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 2020-2021</u>		<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$29,327	\$21,600	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$29,327	\$21,600	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 828 expands the scope of practice for licensed optometrists and adds a requirement to Therapeutic Certification in order to practice minor surgical procedures of the eye and injection as described.

LB 828 will increase the work load within the Licensure Unit. There are 446 optometrists licensed in Nebraska, and 360 of those optometrists were licensed after April 30, 1987. Applications for updated Therapeutic Certification will need to be reviewed by the Licensure Unit to authorize the 360 existing licensees as well as any new applicants to hold Therapeutic Certification that includes eyelid injections and minor surgical procedures. An additional .5 FTE Health Licensing Specialist is estimated for the first year of enactment and proposed as a temporary part time position. Each renewal year thereafter, the process would be incorporated into the existing renewal process.

The Department of Health and Human Services will be required to complete a minor rule and regulation change as a result of LB 828. DHHS will absorb the estimated costs listed below to complete this regulation change.

Title	Hour(s)	Hourly Cost	Absorbed Cost
Director	1	74.28	\$ 74
Deputy Director	1	53.48	\$ 53
Administrator I	1	30.82	\$ 31
Program Specialist	2	22.52	\$ 45
Program Analyst	4	21.91	\$ 88
Attorney 3	10	33.82	\$ 338
Total Costs	19		\$ 629

Explanation of Revenue:

The estimated fee for the initial issuance of the certification is \$60. Thereafter, the estimated fee for renewals is \$25.00. This will allow recoument of initial costs within 3 years and renewal costs every 2 years.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2020-2021	2021-2022
	20-21	21-22	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
X01750 Health Licensing Specialist	.5	0	\$16,745	\$0

Benefits.....			\$5,372	\$0
Operating.....			\$7,210	\$0
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$29,327	\$0