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LB 261

Revision: 02 FISCAL NOTE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised due to Select File amendments

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)									
	FY 2025	5-26	FY 2026-27						
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE					
GENERAL FUNDS	\$5,444,216,329		\$5,479,068,747						
CASH FUNDS	\$5,854,501,871		\$5,871,108,964						
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$6,869,526,210		\$6,778,508,867						
OTHER FUNDS	\$1,435,751,550		\$1,236,098,503						
TOTAL FUNDS	\$19,603,995,960		\$19,364,785,081						

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

LB 261, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is the mainline appropriation bill for the 2025-2027 biennium. This includes new appropriations, select reappropriations, and transfers between various funds. AM832 is the Appropriations Committee amendment, which replaces the bill and recommendations are described in "State of Nebraska FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 109th Legislature, First Session" published April, 2025, and is accessible online at https://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/fiscal/2025budget.pdf. AM832 contains appropriations for state agency operations, state aid programs, and capital construction and incorporates the provisions of LB 55, LB 57, LB 173, LB 452, LB 505, LB 580, LB 581, LB 621, and LB 627.

The bill was also amended on General File by AM1264, which contains amended provisions of LB 284, and appropriates \$300,000 per year from the Health Care Cash Fund for aid to a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 providing health care screening, sports competitions, educational opportunities, and leadership training for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

The following table shows transfers to and from the General Fund, as found in section 305 and 306:

From	То	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
General Fund	Property Tax Credit Fund	\$422,000,000	\$442,000,000
General Fund	Commission on Public Advocacy	\$875,000	\$875,000
General Fund	School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund	\$780,000,000	\$808,000,000
General Fund	Education Future Fund	\$242,000,000	\$242,000,000
General Fund	State Patrol Cash Fund	Up to \$115,000	Up to \$115,000
State Settlement Fund	General Fund	\$295,957	\$295,957

The bill was amended on Select File by AM1320, AM1379, AM1407, AM1384, AM1429, and AM1386 on Select File. AM1320 made various changes to the appropriations contained within LB 261, including combining the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environment and Energy into the Department of Water, Energy, and the Environment. Some of the appropriations reductions in AM1320 were subsequently amended by other adopted amendments, including:

- AM1379 restored \$1.5 million per year in general funds to the Supreme Court for operations;
- AM1407 transferred \$300,000 per year in cash funds between programs in the Secretary of State;
- AM1384 restored \$500,000 per year in general funds to the University for the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute;
- AM1429 restored \$264,488 in FY2026-27 in general funds to the State Department of Education for aid to educational service units; and
- AM1386 appropriated \$3 million per year from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services for aid for domestic violence services.

The total change by agency, resulting from select file amendments, is as follows:

	FY2025-26				FY2026-27			
Agency	General	Cash	Federal	PSL	General	Cash	Federal	PSL
Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secretary of State	0	0	0	300,000	0	0	0	300,000
Education	(528,976)	0	0	0	(264,488)	0	0	0
Agriculture	(500,000)	500,000	0	0	(500,000)	500,000	0	0
Fire Marshal	(650,000)	650,000	0	0	(1,350,000)	1,350,000	0	0
DHHS	(10,000,000)	13,000,000	0	0	0	3,000,000	0	0
Natural Resources	(10,708,426)	(78,180,772)	(2,207,789)	(8,618,370)	(10,758,426)	(75,721,857)	(2,273,709)	(8,639,688)
Coord Commission	50,621	6,558	0	0	102,761	13,150	0	0
University	(4,370,707)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Patrol	(797,492)	0	0	0	(1,702,777)	0	0	0
DAS	(500,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DED	(2,000,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaf/Hard of								
Hearing	(73,571)	0	0	(73,571)	(73,571)	0	0	(73,571)
DWEE	10,708,426	78,180,772	2,207,789	8,618,370	10,758,426	75,721,857	2,273,709	8,639,688
Retirement	(32,577,326)	0	0	0	(51,400,000)	0	0	0
Total	(51,947,451)	14,156,558	0	226,429	(55,188,075)	4,863,150	0	226,429