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**LB 332**

Revision: 01

Revised to include provisions of AM 729 & AM 828

# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

## ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	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.**

As amended, LB 332 combines provisions originally introduced this year in LB 119, LB 154, LB 332, LB 515, LB 555, and LB 697. The resulting provisions have minimal fiscal impact.

### LB 119

This bill establishes the Rural Health Opportunity Program, also known as RHOP, in statute. RHOP is a collaborative educational initiative designed to address the healthcare needs of rural Nebraska by covering the cost of tuition. Funding for RHOP is appropriated via the biennial budget process. The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) indicates the program requires 0.20 FTE Student Success Coordinator however this position is currently staffed and funded therefore no additional appropriations are necessary.

### LB 154

This bill amends the Hearing Instrument Specialists Practice Act. The changes in the bill may necessitate database changes resulting in minimal fiscal impact.

### LB 332

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide coverage in the Medical Assistance Program, Medicaid, for psychology services provided by qualifying advanced level practitioners supervised by a licensed psychologist. DHHS indicates there is no fiscal impact because Medicaid currently covers such services. Doctoral interns, provisional licensed mental health professionals with Master's degrees, provisionally licensed PhDs, and specially licensed PhDs all have specific provider types within Medicaid and provide services within their respective scope of practices.

### LB 515

This bill permits pharmacists to dispense emergency refills in certain circumstances. No fiscal impact

### LB 555

This bill establishes the role of assistant funeral directors. No fiscal impact.

### LB 697

This bill adds three members to the Board of Pharmacy. Additional cost will be incurred by the Department of Health and Human Services for increased per diem and travel expenses however the agency indicates ability to absorb such costs.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB:	332	AM:	729,828	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services		
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health and 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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**FY 2025-2026****FY 2026-2027**

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB332/AM729/AM828 combines the following standalone proposed bills: LB119, LB154, LB332, LB515, LB555, and LB697. The language in LB332/AM729/AM828 varies slightly from the standalone bills, but any changes to the fiscal impact from these differences is insignificant.

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) related to LB119, LB332, LB515, and LB555.

LB154 proposes to modify the existing Hearing Instrument Specialists Practice Act by expanding the scope of practice for a licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist. This may result in additional cost to facilitate database changes that the licensure database vendor will need to make. The additional costs may be the monthly subscription fees paid to the vendor to maintain the system, or there could be additional programming costs, depending on the extent of the changes that are needed.

LB697 will add three board members to the Board of Pharmacy. Additional costs will be incurred by DHHS for board meeting related expenses which include per diems, meals for a working-lunch, direct-billed lodging expenses, and reimbursement for mileage to and from the meeting location. DHHS will absorb these costs.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

<b>PERSONAL SERVICES:</b>				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
	26-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			\$0	\$0