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LB 570

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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	See below		See below	

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

This bill continues the Nursing Scholarship program as initially established in 2021 with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding at the \$2,500 per semester level and then increased to \$5,000 per semester or a quarterly equivalent in 2024. LB 570 maintains the program at the original \$2,500 per student per semester level subject to available appropriations. The bill does not account for the dollar amount of scholarships for qualifying non-semester-based programs. The bill states legislative intent to appropriate \$5 million for this purpose. The source of funds is not specified, and as such, we assume General Funds. An accompanying appropriations bill would be required to increase funding for the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	570	AM:	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.				
<u>Technical Note:</u> The current appropriation language is not sufficient to create an appropriation. The fiscal impact assessment assumes an accompanying A-bill articulating appropriation in accordance with §49-804.				

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 2025-2026</u>		<u>FY 2026-2027</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$5,000,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB570 intends to add funding to the nursing scholarship program initially created by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021. The nursing scholarship program was created as a temporary workforce support in 2021 using ARPA funds. The program was amended in 2024 to allow more students to be eligible, including traditional RN/BSN students, and provide for larger awards, up to \$5,000 per semester.

LB570 provides scholarships of \$2,500 per semester for individuals enrolled or intended to enroll in nursing programs leading to an associate degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing or an accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing degree.

LB570 intends to appropriate \$5 million in FY2026. The bill does not specify the type of funding to be utilized for this program. This fiscal note assumes state general funds. Since funding is only provided for FY2026, the funding is considered one-time and is not part of the base budget. Should this program be extended beyond fiscal year 2026, the department will require funding for one FTE Program Specialist at a cost of approximately \$90K per fiscal year.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
		25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....				\$5,000,000	
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$5,000,000	\$0