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**LB 676**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2025-26</b>		<b>FY 2026-27</b>	
	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.**

No fiscal impact.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB:	676	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	2-14-2025 PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of no fiscal impact.			

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**2025**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 676**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Department of Insurance

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Jordan Blades Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 2/5/25 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-471-4638

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The Department administers the Excess Liability Fund, created under the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act to provide an "excess" layer of coverage above the amount of medical malpractice insurance healthcare providers purchase in the private market to meet the requirements of the Act. LB 676 would include certified nurse midwives among the eligible types of providers under the fund. The Department collects a surcharge to fund this layer of coverage from healthcare providers who decide to qualify under the Act. The surcharge percentage is determined annually. The Department cannot estimate how much additional revenue would be received into the Fund or the potential number of claims for which expenditures may be required related to adding certified nurse midwives as eligible health care providers.

Additionally, since past experience has shown that class actions or a series of claims involving the same provider committing the same malpractice pose a significant risk to the Excess Liability Fund, the Fund purchases reinsurance to cover that type of "common loss." Labor and delivery coverage costs more than most other specialties because of the risks involved in pregnancy and childbirth. If the reinsurance market views inclusion of certified nurse midwives as adding risk to the Excess Liability Fund, this may result in an added expense for the Fund, those costs are indeterminable at this time.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

Capital improvements.....

TOTAL.....

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 2-13-25

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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>
<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:**

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

**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.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				\$0	\$0