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FISCAL NOTE

Revised to include provisions of AM 737 and AM 784

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	\$830,000	\$830,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$830,000	\$830,000	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000

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

This bill creates the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act (Act) to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The bill specifies that DHHS shall provide housing related assistance for victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking survivors and to qualifying organizations service such victims in certain circumstances. The agency indicates that operational expenses can be absorbed within current appropriations for the operations of the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program and no funds will be needed for new staff. In order to establish the new formula for fund distribution and develop protocol and procedures for the program a temporary new Program Analyst may be warranted.

Section 4 of the Act establishes a new cash fund and specifies that it shall be used to fund the provision of the Act. AM 784 clarifies the name of the fund as the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Housing Assistance Fund.

Section 5 and 6 amend provisions of statute related to the documentary stamp tax, increasing the total levied from \$2.25 to \$2.32 per \$1,000 worth of property upon record of a deed. The Department of Revenue indicates this \$0.07 increase would result in new revenue of \$830,000 in FY26, \$1,135,000 in FY27, \$1,169,000 in FY28, and \$1,204,000 in FY29. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate. Additional funding may be available for aid expenditure as a result of investment income on the fund.

AM 737 includes provisions of <u>LB 159</u> which amends section 29-2260 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes to expand judicial discretion in sentencing by considering whether a convicted individual has been a victim of abuse or human trafficking. There is minimal fiscal impact to the Supreme Court.