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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				

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

This bill provides for joint adoption by two adult parties regardless of marital status. The Nebraska Supreme Court indicates that the bill would require additional judicial and court staff education which could be done within the agency's current resources. The Department of Health and Human Services indicates potential need to update NFOCUS which could be absorbed by the agency.

In the [fiscal note](#) for a similar bill, [LB 331 \(2023\)](#), DHHS cited multiple potential costs and cost savings in child welfare:

- decreased costs if youth find permanency sooner (at least \$100 daily per youth),
- increased costs for home studies (up to \$1,500 per study),
- increased costs for child welfare enforcement in the event of a dissolution and thus child support collection.

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

LB:	70	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court	
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman		DATE:	1-22-2025
			PHONE:	(402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Supreme Court's assessment of no fiscal impact.				

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

LB:	70	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Dept of Health & Human Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman		DATE:	1-21-2025
			PHONE:	(402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services assessment of no fiscal impact.				

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 1-21-25 Phone: (5) 471-6719

	FY 2025-2026		FY 2026-2027	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

A minor NFOCUS update may be necessary to claim federal IV-E funds. The Department of Health and Human Services will consult with the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to clarify requirements. This cost would be absorbed by the Department.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

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

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eric Asboe

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/21/2025

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial and court staff education. It is estimated, at this time, that the impact on judicial workload will not be significant. No additional resources required.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-26	2026-27
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				