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LB 374

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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 provides for the Licensed Midwives Practice Act. The provisions require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to create a new board to oversee the profession of midwifery. The costs associated with compensating board members depends on the frequency of meetings. Additional operational expenses include approximately \$60,000 to update the licensing systems and staff time to process new applications.

Midwives would be required to obtain licenses, for which a fee would be established by rules and regulations. The revenue from fees would be deposited in the Professional Licensure Cash Fund and be used to offset expenditures of the new board and processing applications. Revenues and expenditures would be directed through Program 178 Professional Licensure.

DHHS notes that aid expenditures for Medicaid as a result of the bill are unknown.

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

LB:	374	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.					

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
GENERAL FUNDS	\$67,330			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$67,330	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB374 creates a new profession, professional midwifery, by adopting the Licensed Midwives Practice Act.

Additionally, this bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to create a new board, the Board of Licensed Midwives. Board membership includes one physician licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA) who has professional experience consulting for and collaborating with direct-entry midwives, three certified professional midwives licensed under the UCA, and one public member who has received direct-entry midwifery services.

There are new costs associated with creating this board. The total of which will depend on the frequency of meetings and the location of board members related to travel reimbursement. Per diems are also paid to board members for each day involved in board business and will include board meetings and any national meetings a board member may attend on behalf of the board.

Updates in the Occupational Licensure Unit database, My License Office (MLO), will involve additional cost. The contract for MLO will include ongoing subscription fees for maintenance of the system, but there may be limits on the number of updates made within the contract per year. If the limit of updates is exceeded, a change order would be required which will also result in an additional cost. The projected cost for database updates is \$67,330.

Any additional cost related to Medicaid is unknown at this time because managed care organizations do not cover non-clinically licensed midwife services.

This bill will generate revenue with credentialing fees established. The revenue from credentialing fees would be intended to offset the costs of credentialing and the board.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$67,330	
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$67,330	\$0