

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.

LB 556 updates the juvenile justice system by changing who can be tried in adult court and clarifying when juveniles can be detained. Under this bill, juveniles as young as 12 could face adult court for serious felonies, unless transferred back to juvenile court. It defines detention as temporarily placing juveniles in physically restrictive facilities only when necessary for public safety, court attendance, or their immediate protection—not for convenience, punishment, or parental responsibilities. It also outlines the process courts must follow to decide if cases stay in adult court or move back to juvenile court.

The Supreme Court states that juvenile detention costs and services, like substance abuse treatment, are currently funded by Nebraska's General Fund under Program 437 (Juvenile Justice). LB556 could increase these costs, but it's unclear by how much or how many additional youths might be affected.

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>	
	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:

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
	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

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

Explanation of Estimate:

Currently, the cost of detention and any services, such as substance abuse treatment given while in detention, is paid from the General Fund in Program 437, Juvenile Justice. LB556 may result in more youth in detention although how many and for how long is not known at this time. Therefore, although General Fund expenditures may increase, a reasonable estimate of the fiscal impact cannot be determined. If any increase becomes significant it may be necessary for the Judicial Branch to request additional funding in the future.

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.....				