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LB 668

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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 modifies provisions of the Adult Protective Services Central Registry and the Central Registry of Child Protection Cases. The bill requires that no person be entered on the registry without first being notified of the right to contest the determination. Certified mail notifications are already required to be issued. However, the bill would require that the notification be issued prior to officially being entered onto the registry, offering the accused an opportunity for appeal. Changes to the letter would be required but the fiscal impact of updates is nominal.

The bill increases the maximum fee to check the central registry from \$3 per request to \$5. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) who administers the registry indicates that based on the annual number of background checks (146,000) the increased revenue would amount to \$292,000. Costs to update systems to accommodate the rate increase can be absorbed within current agency appropriations.

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

LB:	668	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				
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:

LB668 changes provisions to the Adult Protective Services Central Registry and the Central Registry of Child Protection Cases. It will update current procedures for placing an individual on the Central Registry by requiring Children and Family Services (CFS) to notify the subject at least 14 days before the subject's name is entered on the Central Registry.

Section 3(3) would allow the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to increase the cost to the public to complete a Central Registry check from \$3 to \$5. This increase will allow CFS to cover the Central Registry's actual program costs. If DHHS decides to implement a rate increase, updates would be required to the Central Registry Check form, the Central Registry public website, and the billing/payment system.

To accommodate for the changes mentioned above, CFS will need to update its current Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and would require the following staff hours: Program Specialist (1 hour), Administrator I (0.5 hours), Attorney III (0.5 hours), and 2 Deputy Directors (0.5 hours). These hours can be absorbed within current operations.

NFOCUS IT updates will need to be made to the Central Registry notification letter. However, these updates would be part of regular N-FOCUS maintenance work for CFS and would not have additional costs.

The cost of updating the rate on the Central Registry Check form, the Central Registry public website, and billing will be minimal and absorbed by current staff. The Office of Procurement and Grants (OPG) will assist in updating the language of contracts regarding the contracted provider's roles and responsibilities. This will be minimal and will be absorbed by the current staff.

The increased fee per background check could generate revenue for the DHHS. The Department processes approximately 146,000 checks annually, which equates to an additional \$292,000 in revenue.

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