

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	\$1,955,292		\$1,851,483	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,955,292		\$1,851,483	

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

LB 636 reimburses counties for medical costs incurred in providing healthcare services to county jail inmates. It establishes a process through which counties can seek reimbursement from the state, defines eligibility criteria, and assigns responsibilities to specific state agencies to manage and oversee this reimbursement.

The bill also modifies sheriffs' fees for various legal services, including serving warrants and subpoenas, and makes adjustments to distress warrant fees for tax collections.

The Jail Standards Board is responsible for overseeing the reimbursement process for county-incurred medical costs related to jail inmates. This includes reviewing and approving claims submitted by counties, ensuring that reimbursements are issued in accordance with available state appropriations. If funding is insufficient to cover all eligible claims, the board will prorate payments accordingly. Additionally, it holds the authority to audit county records to verify the accuracy of claims and maintain accountability. The board may also establish and enforce rules and regulations to govern the reimbursement process.

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice – Jail Standards Board oversees 72 jail facilities eligible for medical cost reimbursement. Implementing this program requires adopting administrative rules and regulations to establish eligibility criteria and allowable expenses. To manage legal reviews, assess claim eligibility, develop regulations, and coordinate payment approvals, the agency would need to add an Attorney III position. Currently, the board lacks dedicated staff to administer the program, necessitating an estimated 16 additional full-time employees (FTEs). Fiscal analysts would focus on auditing requirements, while accounting staff would process claims using the DAS State Accounting Division payment platform.

Due to staffing expansion, a leased facility would be required, as the Crime Commission's existing office space cannot accommodate the additional personnel. This fiscal note does not estimate the cost of medical claims but strictly addresses the administrative expenses required to manage reimbursements. The agency projects a General Fund impact of \$1,955,292 for FY25-26 and \$1,851,483 for FY26-27 to cover staffing, operational needs, and facility costs.

There is no basis to disagree with the estimate at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 636	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Crime Commission	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Crime Commission's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 636.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 636

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice – Jail Standards Board

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>1,955,292</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,851,483</u>	<u></u>
CASH FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,955,292</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,851,483</u>	<u></u>

Explanation of Estimate:

Nebraska has 72 jail facilities eligible for reimbursement. The adoption of administrative rules and regulations would be required to outline eligibility requirements and expenses. An Attorney III position is required to review legal issues, assess eligibility of claims, develop rules and regulations, and collaborate with the Jail Standards Board to review and approve payments on a quarterly basis. The Jail Standards Board does not have any staff to address program requirements. It is estimated there will be a need for an additional 16 FTE to support the program. Fiscal Analysts would focus on auditing requirements. Accounting staff would address processing of claims and using the DAS State Accounting Division payment platform to address payments. A leased facility would be required to address programming and administrative requirements. The current office workspace for the Crime Commission could not support additional staffing requirements.

This fiscal note does not address the estimated cost of medical claims, but only on the administrative requirements for the Jail Standards Board to process claims.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2025-26 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>		
Attorney III	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>104,000</u>	<u>109,200</u>
Budget Officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>83,200</u>	<u>87,360</u>
Fiscal Analyst	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>330,000</u>	<u>339,900</u>
Administrative Program Officer II	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>116,480</u>	<u>119,974</u>
Accountant III	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>141,440</u>	<u>145,682</u>
Accountant II	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>124,800</u>	<u>128,900</u>
Administrative Assistant	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>104,000</u>	<u>107,120</u>
Benefits.....			<u>351,372</u>	<u>363,347</u>
Operating.....			<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Travel.....			<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Capital outlay.....			<u>250,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL.....			<u>1,955,292</u>	<u>1,851,483</u>