

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 creates the Nebraska Health Professions Commission (Commission) to review applications and conduct directed reviews of the regulation of health professions and scope of practice of each profession. The composition of the Commission is as follows:

- Co-chair: representative from a college of public health at the state's largest post-secondary educational institution with a college of medicine (UNMC College of Public Health)
- Co-chair: representative from a research institution focused on population health that operates under the auspice of a difference post-secondary education institution with a college of medicine in Nebraska (Creighton University Institute of Population Health)
- Chief Medical Officer of DHHS or designee
- Chairperson of the State Board of Health or designee
- No more than seven additional members designated by the co-chairs of the committee and approved by the Legislature
 - Four of which from the most populous counties
 - No more than two from the same regulated health profession

The bill states legislative intent to appropriate \$300,000 annually to support the newly created Commission. The fund source is not specified and as such, we assume General Funds. The bill states of this amount, \$100,000 is allocated to UNMC for the Health Professions Tracking Service. It is unclear if funding associated with this legislation is intended to be appropriated to DHHS or directly to the University. Additionally, it is unclear which entity would satisfy the reporting requirements.

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

LB:	554	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.					
<u>Technical Note:</u> The current appropriation language is not sufficient to create an appropriation. The fiscal impact assessment assumes an accompanying A-bill articulating appropriation in accordance with §49-804.					

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:

LB554 creates the Nebraska Health Professions Commission that will review scope of practice proposals and proposals to credential new health professions.

The bill appropriates \$300,000 annually to the commission to support its activities with \$100,000 of this amount designated to support the Health Professions Tracking Service at UNMC.

It is unclear whether the funds will be appropriated directly to Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or sourced from a DHHS fund.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

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

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:⁽²⁾ University of Nebraska System
Prepared by:⁽³⁾ Anne Barnes Date Prepared:⁽⁴⁾ 01/29/2025 Phone:⁽⁵⁾ (402) 559-6300

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2025 - 26		FY 2026 - 27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB0554 is creating a non-partisan commission co-chaired by the UNMC College of Public Health and Creighton University Institute of Population Health to initiate, review, and evaluate requests for scope of practice. This analysis will be used to make a recommendation to the legislature for any changes that would be implemented by the appropriate state medical licensing boards.

The bill includes \$100,000 for a position within UNMC Health Professions Tracking Program to provide data and \$25,000 for UNMC analysis and reports. The intent of the legislation is to better serve the health care needs of underserved areas of the state without compromising quality.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025 - 26	2026 - 27
	<u>25 - 26</u>	<u>26 - 27</u>	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
<u>HPTP</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>64,000.00</u>	<u>64,000.00</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Benefits.....			<u>36,000.00</u>	<u>36,000.00</u>
Operating.....			<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>125,000.00</u>	<u>125,000.00</u>