

**FISCAL NOTE**  
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0

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

LB996 limits the use of mechanical restraints on juveniles. The bill generally prohibits “shackling,” allowing restraints only when a juvenile presents a recent, substantial risk of physical harm, no less restrictive option will prevent that harm, and the restraint is used only as long as strictly necessary. The bill defines “shackling,” allows brief handcuffing for an immediate safety risk, and excludes restraints governed by the existing courtroom restraint statute.

LB996 also requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services(DHHS) transportation policies for juveniles placed at youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to prohibit routine mechanical restraints during transportation and to align with the bill’s shackling limits, with limited, documented exceptions subject to review.

The Supreme Court states that minimal fiscal impact is anticipated for judicial and Probation staff education and that no additional resources are required.

DHHS states the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers would update Standard Operating Procedures and training materials to reflect the new restraint requirements, with any related work absorbed by existing staff.

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**2026**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 996**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision  
Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Lisa Stanton

Date Prepared: 01/16/2026  
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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Explanation of Estimate:**

NDCS estimates no fiscal impact as a result of LB996.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
... Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
.... Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
. Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
. Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

**TOTAL**.....

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

LB: 996                      AM:                      AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Supreme Court

REVIEWED BY:    Jennifer Alcazar                      DATE: 2/17/2026                      PHONE: (402) 471-4169

COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Supreme Court's estimate of minimal fiscal impact as a result of LB 996.

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

LB: 996                      AM:                      AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services

REVIEWED BY:    Jennifer Alcazar                      DATE: 2/10/2026                      PHONE: (402) 471-4169

COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Department of Health and Human Services' estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 996, as the agency would absorb the cost.

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

LB: 996                      AM:                      AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

REVIEWED BY:    Jennifer Alcazar                      DATE: 1/22/2026                      PHONE: (402) 471-4169

COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 996.

**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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Date Prepared 2-10-2026

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	<u>FY 2026-2027</u>		<u>FY 2027-2028</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB996 prohibits restraining juveniles with shackles except when there is a risk of physical harm. The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTC's) would need to update their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and training materials to reflect these changes. Any updates to documents or training will be absorbed by current staff.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**PERSONAL SERVICES:**

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027	2027-2028
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**2026**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 996**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision  
Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

05 Supreme Court

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

**Explanation of Estimate:**

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial and Probation staff education. No additional resources required.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....				
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Operating.....				
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Travel.....				
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Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
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Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				