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LB 250

Revision: 00 FISCAL NOTE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *						
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11			
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE		
GENERAL FUNDS						
CASH FUNDS		(112,470)		(18,750)		
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS		(112,470)		(18,750)		

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill makes changes to the regulation of physician assistants. The current proficiency exam is changed to the one approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The bill removes the credentialing requirement for supervising physicians and changes it to allowing any physician with an unrestricted license to supervise up to four physician assistants. Currently, a doctor may supervise up to two physician assistants. The Board of Medicine may grant a waiver of this restriction.

The current fee for a physician to be certified to supervise a physician assistant is \$150 and \$110 for renewal. There are currently 852 physicians who are certified. This bill will result in a revenue loss of \$93,720 in cash funds in FY 10 for the biennial renewal fee. The loss of revenue for initial certification would be an estimated \$18,750 annually.

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COMMENTS						
UNIVERSITY OF NE – No fiscal impact.						