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LB 1245

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2000-2001		FY 2001-2002	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB1245 expresses legislative intent to authorize establishment of an electronic state student information tracking system. According to Sec. 1 of the bill, the proposed student information system is to focus primarily on three areas: transfers of students between sectors of public postsecondary education, student retention, and degree completion. Sec. 3 of the bill, however, continues to provide that the proposed student information system should also include a variety of student biographical and demographic data, current student educational activity data, and data relating to students' previous educational experience.

Sec. 2 of the bill directs the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State College System, and the Nebraska Community College System, in conjunction with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, to develop recommendations for implementation of the proposed student information system. The four entities are to present a progress report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2001. The bill directs that the student information system is to be operational by July 1, 2002.

With varying degrees of specificity, the three sectors of Nebraska public postsecondary education address estimates of costs associated with development of the student information system proposed by LB1245. A number of data elements relevant to areas of focus of the proposed student information system are currently collected. However, as the University of Nebraska points out, there is no common software and no comprehensive structure for the common coding of all data elements addressed in LB1245. Estimates of costs for development and maintenance of the student information system proposed by the bill would be speculative in advance of the planning process that is to occur as outlined in the bill. A significant level of related costs would be dependent upon the extent to which a related student information system would comprehensively address all data collection and reporting elements addressed by LB1245. The three public postsecondary education sectors and the Coordinating Commission could accommodate costs associated with planning and reporting to the Education Committee of the Legislature by January 1, 2001 within existing funding resources.

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COMMENTS					
<p>COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION: Generally concur with agency response. There would be some fiscal impact to CCPE, but bill is somewhat vague on the extent of the information to be gathered and, therefore difficult to estimate impact on CCPE.</p> <p>NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM: Generally concur with agency response. However, the impact of the bill on administrative information system is somewhat vague. The fiscal impact could be somewhat greater than estimated.</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: Generally agree with agency response. However, no revenue generated, only expenditures. Also, the bill is not precise on all data collection and/or transfers made. Depending on actual implementation, cash could be somewhat more or less than estimated.</p> <p>NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION: There will be some fiscal impact; exact amount not known. Uncertainty on data collected is too great to quantify.</p>					