

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$8,922,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$8,922,000</b>			

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

This bill makes two separate appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for the health information exchange. The first appropriation of \$5,922,000 is for infrastructure development, operations and maintenance of applications related to patient access to medical records. The second appropriation of \$3 million is for infrastructure development and operations of a research database for research in health care delivery and delivery and quality improvement. The funding would be from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA). The bill has the emergency clause.

The funding is appropriated in FY 2023. It is assumed in this fiscal note the funding would be used over more than one fiscal year.

The bill directs the use of a portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding available under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). SLFRF must be committed by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

The following are the allowed uses of SLFRF funds:

- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic
- **Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic**, by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and storm water infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet

LB: 959	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact. The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation. Technical Note: The language in LB 959 does not provide the level of detail necessary to enact the appropriation intended.			

**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 2022-2023</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
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Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

DHHS shall use the funds appropriated in this section for the statewide designated health information exchange described in section 81-6,125 for infrastructure development and operations of a research database for research in health care delivery and quality improvement.

This bill would appear to create a fiscal cliff when the Federal ARPA funds are no longer available and any operational costs for the scopes of work in the bill remain in place, thus the potential for future appropriations needs.

<b>PERSONAL SERVICES:</b>				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023	2023-2024
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$8,922,000	
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$8,922,000</b>	