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LB 46

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	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 appropriates \$250,000 of General Funds in FY24 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the purpose of retaining a consultant to perform a rate study of provider reimbursement rates for the home health care skilled nursing services and private duty nursing services under the Medical Assistance Act.

The actual cost of such a study is not known – it could be more or less than the proposed \$250,000 appropriation. Such a study would qualify for 50% Federal Funds and 50% General Fund match rate as an administrative cost. As such, the State could be reimbursed for half of the actual cost of the study.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	46	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' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department.			
<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 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$250,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 46 appropriates \$250,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to perform a rate study of provider reimbursement rates for select home health services. DHHS will use these funds for the purpose of hiring a consultant to do a rate study for Home Health skilled nursing and private duty nursing services in Medicaid. The bill also compels DHHS to meet with providers to gather input on the specific services and associated rates. This study would qualify for a 50% Federal Funds (FF) and 50% General Funds (GF) match rate.

To carry out this study, there will be time and costs associated with this bill in the form of procuring and managing the consultant. The estimated cost for the time listed below is \$6,697. The Department will absorb these costs.

Procure and contract with a consultant:

- 10 hours each for Rates and Reimbursement Administrator, Program Specialist, and DHHS Procurement Buyer

Rate Study Coordination and Management:

- Stakeholder Engagement: 5 hours each for Finance Deputy, Rates and Reimbursement Administrator, and Program Specialist
- Consultant Management/Meetings: 40 hours each for Rates and Reimbursement Administrator and Program Specialist, and 10 hours for Finance Deputy

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024 EXPENDITURES	2024-2025 EXPENDITURES
	POSITION TITLE	23-24		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$250,000	
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				

TOTAL.....

\$250,000

\$0