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LB 876

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
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 expands provisions of Safe Haven laws in Nebraska by creating the Newborn Safe Haven Act. The bill states legislative intent to appropriate \$65,000 total in FY25, \$15,000 for grants to approved locations for installation and \$50,000 to implement the bill. The bill states legislative intent to appropriate \$10,000 in FY26 and beyond to maintain to program. There is no administrative cost beyond the intended appropriation.

The Department of Health and Human Services notes that increased surrenders may lead to increased child welfare costs which are indeterminable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 876	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact.			

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 2024-2025</u>		<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$65,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$65,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 876 creates the Newborn Safe Haven Act to allow voluntary surrender of newborn babies without the threat of prosecution.

LB 876 states the intent to provide an appropriation of \$15,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for grant awards to approved locations for installing receptacles as specified in the bill.

LB 876 also states the intent to provide an appropriation of \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to develop and implement LB 876 and \$10,000 in subsequent fiscal years to maintain the program.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would develop and implement the program as specified in LB 876 under Program 033 for administrative costs and Program 514 for grant awards.

LB 867 will have a fiscal impact on DHHS including updates to procedures, development of educational and informational materials, updates to the public website, the development of necessary training, and potential radio or televised educational advertisement.

CFS may see additional infants enter care due to this legislation. Due to the current Safe Haven law only allowing hospitals as surrender locations, an increase in infants being surrendered may require additional funds for services.

Any costs outside the amount intended to appropriate would be absorbed by the Department.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025 EXPENDITURES	2025-2026 EXPENDITURES
	POSITION TITLE	24-25		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$50,000	\$10,000
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$15,000	
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$65,000	\$10,000