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**LB 978**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| <b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates) |                   |         |                   |         |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
|   | <b>FY 2024-25</b> |         | <b>FY 2025-26</b> |         |
|   | EXPENDITURES      | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES      | REVENUE |
| GENERAL FUNDS   |                   |         |                   |         |
| CASH FUNDS  |                   |         |                   |         |
| FEDERAL FUNDS   |                   |         |                   |         |
| OTHER FUNDS   |                   |         |                   |         |
| TOTAL FUNDS   |                   |         |                   |         |

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

LB 978 relates to adoptions, specifically to provide for adoption by a second adult person and change provisions relating to consent to adoption.

The Bill outlines the conditions under which a minor child with only one legal parent can be adopted by a second adult. The requirements include consent from the sole legal parent, a parent-child relationship between the child and the second adult, and completion of an adoptive home study. Additionally, it specifies that an adult child can be adopted by their parent's spouse, subject to certain legal provisions. It mandates that if a person is married, their spouse must also join the adoption petition for it to proceed, ensuring that adoptions are carried out jointly. Furthermore, it restricts any adoption that would result in a child having more than two legal parents, maintaining the legal limit of parentage.

The Supreme Court estimates minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial and court staff education.

The Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and Human Services estimates no fiscal impact.

| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b> |              |        |  |
|--|--------------|--------|--|
| LB:  | 978          | AM:    | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court |
| REVIEWED BY:   | Ann Linneman | DATE:  | 2-15-2024                                |
|  |              | PHONE: | (402) 471-4180                           |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Supreme Court's assessment of no fiscal impact.               |              |        |  |

| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b> |              |        |   |
|--|--------------|--------|---|
| LB:  | 978          | AM:    | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State Patrol |
| REVIEWED BY:   | Ann Linneman | DATE:  | 1-16--2024                              |
|  |              | PHONE: | (402) 471-4180                          |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska State Patrol's assessment of no fiscal impact.                |              |        |   |

| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>       |              |        |  |
|--|--------------|--------|--|
| LB:  | 978          | AM:    | AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services |
| REVIEWED BY:   | Ann Linneman | DATE:  | 2-15-2024  |
|  |              | PHONE: | (402) 471-4180   |
| COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact. |              |        |  |

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> 05 Supreme Court

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Eric Asboe Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 2/14/2024 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-326-9215

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

|               | <u>FY 2024-25</u>   |                | <u>FY 2025-26</u>   |                |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|               | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| CASH FUNDS    | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| OTHER FUNDS   | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| TOTAL FUNDS   | =====               | =====          | =====               | =====          |

Explanation of Estimate:

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial and court staff education. It is estimated, at this time, that the impact on judicial workload will not be significant. No additional resources required.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u>     | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> |              | <u>2024-25</u>      | <u>2025-26</u>      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                           | <u>24-25</u>               | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____                     | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| _____                     | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Benefits.....             | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Operating.....            | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Travel.....               | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Capital outlay.....       | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Aid.....                  | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Capital improvements..... | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| TOTAL.....                | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |

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**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska State Patrol

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Carol Aversman Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 01-12-2024 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-479-4545

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

|               | <u>FY 2024-25</u>   |                | <u>FY 2025-26</u>   |                |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|               | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
| GENERAL FUNDS | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| CASH FUNDS    | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| OTHER FUNDS   | _____               | _____          | _____               | _____          |
| TOTAL FUNDS   | =====               | =====          | =====               | =====          |

Explanation of Estimate:

NO FISCAL IMPACT.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

| <u>POSITION TITLE</u>     | <u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u> |              | <u>2024-25</u>      | <u>2025-26</u>      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                           | <u>24-25</u>               | <u>25-26</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> |
| _____                     | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| _____                     | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Benefits.....             | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Operating.....            | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Travel.....               | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Capital outlay.....       | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Aid.....                  | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| Capital improvements..... | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |
| TOTAL.....                | _____                      | _____        | _____               | _____               |

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 2-15-2024

Phone: (5) 471-6719

FY 2024-2025

FY 2025-2026

|               | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |
|---------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| GENERAL FUNDS |              |         |              |         |
| CASH FUNDS    |              |         |              |         |
| FEDERAL FUNDS |              |         |              |         |
| OTHER FUNDS   |              |         |              |         |
| TOTAL FUNDS   | \$0          | \$0     | \$0          | \$0     |

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

Explanation of Estimate:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

| PERSONAL SERVICES:        | POSITION TITLE | NUMBER OF POSITIONS |       | 2024-2025    | 2025-2026    |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
|                           |                | 24-25               | 25-26 | EXPENDITURES | EXPENDITURES |
| Benefits.....             |                |                     |       |              |              |
| Operating.....            |                |                     |       |              |              |
| Travel.....               |                |                     |       |              |              |
| Capital Outlay.....       |                |                     |       |              |              |
| Aid.....                  |                |                     |       |              |              |
| Capital Improvements..... |                |                     |       |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>         |                |                     |       | <b>\$0</b>   | <b>\$0</b>   |