

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	41,000	0	0	41,000
FY2027-2028	74,953	82,000	0	0	156,953
FY2028-2029	74,953	82,000	0	0	156,953
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2027-2028	0	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2028-2029	0	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW

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

LB1092 requires the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to create an alternate Back the Blue License Plate in consultation with associations that represent personnel of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska.

- The new Back the Blue License Plate applications would be available beginning on January 1, 2027.
- A new Back the Blue Cash Fund is created, to be administered by the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP).
- The Back the Blue License Plate fee proceeds are remitted to the Back the Blue Cash Fund.
 - The Back the Blue Cash Fund shall only be used for the NSP to award grants to provide support to: injured law enforcement personnel; the spouse of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel; or a child (under the age of 19) of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel, or to conduct any charitable activity that supports the residents of Nebraska.
 - The fund shall not be used for salaries, equipment, or any costs of the NSP.
- Grants may only be awarded by the NSP to qualified applicants which is defined as an association that represents personnel of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska.
- NSP has authority to make the rules, regulations, and applications for this grant.
- NSP shall have until January 1, 2027, to make the grant applications available.

Additionally, this bill requires the DMV to create two alternate Iconic-Design License Plates inspired by retired NE license plate designs as an Iconic-Design black-background plate with white characters; and an Iconic-Design white-background plate with black characters; or an Iconic-Design Option One or Option Two License plate design.

- The new Iconic-Design License Plate applications would be available beginning on January 1, 2027 for black or white background plates; or on an implementation date chosen by the DMV Director for the Option One or Option Two plates.
- Application fees for new or renewal alphanumeric or personalized message Iconic-Design License Plates shall be \$100.
- A new Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund is created, to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).
- The Iconic-Design License Plate fee proceeds are remitted to the Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund.
- The Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund shall only be used for DHHS to award grants to:
 - Providers for capital improvements and equipment upgrades for their developmental disability services;
 - Transportation fleets which provide support to or transport developmentally disabled individuals;
 - Reinforce physical infrastructure or safety features such as safety glass and perimeter security for the protection of any clients or staff of developmental disabilities providers;
 - Support clients, staff, or facility infrastructure of providers with technology or remote-support infrastructure such as sensors, smart-home automation features, and broadband infrastructure; and
 - Increase facility capacity or optimize space for developmental disability service clients, including floorplan improvements, and amenity or bathroom installation;
 - DHHS is given the authority to make the rules, regulations, and applications for this grant.
 - DHHS shall have until January 1, 2027, to make the grant applications available.
 - The fund shall not be used for general operations or administration of DHHS's developmental disabilities program.

This bill would become effective three calendar months after the adjournment of the Legislature.

Expenditures:

The DMV is anticipating programmatic and testing related to these new plates, which can be absorbed within their existing appropriation in Program 70. However, in Program 90, the DMV is expecting expenditures for the production of these new license plates to be as follows: \$41,000 in Cash Fund expenditures in FY2026-27 (5000 sets or 10,000 plates x \$4.10) and \$82,000 in Cash Fund expenditures in FY2027-28 (10,000 sets or 20,000 plates x \$4.10).

The NSP has indicated this bill would require the agency to hire one FTE Federal Aid Administrator II for implementation of LB1092. The estimated salary, benefits, and capital outlay are estimated to be \$74,953 Cash Funds in FY2027-28. However, this expense would require the use of General Funds, as the bill as written only allows the Cash Funds to be used for aid.

DHHS anticipates that any increase in Cash Fund expenditures as a result of this bill would be used for aid only, and would be equal to any increase in Cash Fund revenues their agency would receive.

Revenues:

The DMV is not anticipating any additional revenue from LB1092 as written.

The LFO estimates DMV will receive revenue from the Back the Blue plates under Nebraska §60-3,163.02. Utilizing the DMV estimate of 10,000 sets of total new plates sold each year, between the Back the Blue and the Iconic-Design License Plates, LFO is projecting only 5,000 sets would be sold in FY2026-27 (due to the January 1, 2027 effective date). In FY2027-28, 10,000 sets would be sold. Historically 75% of the plates sold are alphanumeric plates (\$5 each) and 25% are personalized message plates (\$40 each).

LFO is anticipating of the 10,000 sets of plates to be sold in full years, approximately 75% would be Back the Blue plates (or 7,500 sets) and 25% would be Iconic-Design License Plates (or 2,500 sets). The Iconic-Design plates revenue is indeterminate at this time (see the Technical Note below). From the Back the Blue plate design only, LFO estimates the following revenue:

LFO's Estimated Revenue	FY2026-27	FY2027-28
Alphanumeric Plates is 75% of plates sold	2,813	5,625
Alphanumeric Plates \$5 to Back the Blue Cash Fund	\$14,063	\$28,125
Alphanumeric Plate Revenue	\$14,063	\$28,125
Personalized Message Plates is 25% of plates sold	938	1,875
Personalized Message Plates \$10 to DMV Cash Fund	\$9,375	\$18,750
Personalized Message Plates \$30 to Back the Blue Cash Fund	\$28,125	\$56,250
Personalized Message Plates Revenue	\$37,500	\$75,000
Total Number of New Plates	3,750	7,500
Total Revenue to DMV Cash Fund	\$9,375	\$18,750
Total Revenue to Back the Blue Cash Fund	\$42,188	\$84,375
Total Revenue	\$51,563	\$103,125

There is no basis to disagree with the estimations of fiscal impact by the NSP nor DHHS given the assumptions each agency used.

Technical Note: The revenue from the fees imposed in Nebraska §60-3,163.02 for the Iconic-Design License Plate applications is unclear as written in this bill. It is unclear as to whether the \$100 fee charged with the application is in addition to the normal fees imposed under §60-3,163.01 or replaces the fees imposed in §60-3,163.01. The normal fees imposed currently under Nebraska §60-3,163.01 are as follows for the alternate license plates: \$5 fee for alphanumeric credited to the designated recipient; or \$40 fee for the personalized message credited 25% (\$10) to the DMV Cash Fund and 75% (\$30) to the designated recipient.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 1092 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State Patrol	
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 2/6/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: The Nebraska State Patrol's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 1092 appears reasonable.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 1092 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 2/6/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Health and Human Services' estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 1092.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 1092 AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Motor Vehicles	
REVIEWED BY: Ashley Dempsey	DATE: 1/22/26	PHONE: (402) 326-2182
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Motor Vehicles' estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 1092.		

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 2026-2027</u>		<u>FY 2027-2028</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$166,700	\$166,700	\$166,700	\$166,700
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$166,700	\$166,700	\$166,700	\$166,700

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1092 would allow the Department of Motor Vehicles to design Iconic-Design License Plates with an application for initial issuance or renewal of Iconic-Design License Plate fee of \$100.00. This bill would also create the Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. This fund is the designated recipient for Iconic-Design License Plate fees.

The fund is to be used for the department to award grants to developmental disability service providers. Eligible uses of these grants means upgrade, modernization, renovation, maintenance, or new purchase of listed items used by developmental disability providers to provide services to this population. Items could include transportation fleet, physical infrastructure or safety feature, technology or remote-support infrastructure, or facility improvement to increase capacity.

This fiscal note assumes 1,667 annual applications for the three types of Iconic-Design License Plates collectively. The department would agree with any projection from the legislative fiscal office and would request the corresponding cash authority.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027 EXPENDITURES	2027-2028 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$166,700	\$166,700
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$166,700	\$166,700

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Motor Vehicles

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	41,000		82,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	41,000		82,000	

Explanation of Estimate:

The department will have programming costs to produce this proposed license plate.

The DMV is a cash funded agency. The costs of the programming for new plate designs have been paid for from a portion of the fee for a personalized message plate being credited to the DVM Cash Fund. The bill, as written, does not contain any language that provides such revenue to the DMV.

Program 090

Fiscal Year 2026-27 - \$4.10 per plate – estimate 10,000 plates = \$41,000

Fiscal Year 2027-28 - \$4.10 per plate – estimate 20,000 plates = \$82,000

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 EXPENDITURES	2027-28 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Benefits.....				
... Operating.....			41,000	82,000
.... Travel.....				
. Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
. Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			41,000	82,000

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Nebraska State Patrol

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026-27		FY 2027-28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS			\$74,953	
CASH FUNDS	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$67,000	\$100,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$141,953	\$100,000

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1092 provides for the creation of “Back the Blue” license plates to represent support for law enforcement personnel. An alternate license plate fee will be paid by the designated recipient, which shall be deposited in the “Back the Blue” Cash Fund. Individuals may begin applying for these license plates beginning on 1/1/2027. The bill assigns the administration of the “Back the Blue” Cash Fund to be the Nebraska State Patrol. In addition to the alternate license plate fees, other deposits shall consist of gifts, grants, bequests, money received from any public or private source, and money transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

As noted in Section 2 (3) (a) of the bill, the fund may only be used for an eligible purpose as spelled out in the bill and for the awarding of grants from the fund. It cannot be used to buy equipment or to pay any salary or cost of the Nebraska State Patrol. Eligible purposes are defined as (i) providing support to any (a) injured law enforcement personnel, (b) spouse of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel, or (c) child of any injured or deceased law enforcement personnel if the child is under the age of 19, or (ii) conducting any charitable activity that supports the residents of the state. Qualified applicants requesting funds means any association that represents personnel of any law enforcement agency in the state. Such qualified applicants may apply to the State Patrol for a grant via a prescribed application form developed by the State Patrol. The State Patrol may award a grant to any qualified applicant who applies for an eligible purpose. The form of application is required to be developed by the State Patrol by January 1, 2027. The State Patrol may also adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out Section 3 of the bill.

The State Patrol estimates that it will need one full-time equivalent employee beginning 7/1/27 to administer the fund, maintain the required application form, develop a fair and equitable process for purposes of awarding funds and complying with the requirements of the bill, carry-out administrative and accounting functions related to deposits and payments made to and from the fund, and develop the rules and regulations to carry out Section 3 of the bill. The State Patrol’s Grants Team currently does not have any additional manpower hours available to carry-out the duties required with this legislation. Note, because the alternate license plates cannot be applied for until 1/1/2027, the State Patrol has estimated that it will not need to employ this new employee until July 1, 2027. This allows time for available funds to build up prior to disbursing any grants.

Revenue estimates were based on an estimate of the number of license plates that would be sold by the DMV with a price of \$5.00. FY 26-27 is estimated at 10,000 license plates for total revenue of \$50,000. FY 27-28 is estimated at 20,000 license plates for total revenue of \$100,000.

While it is difficult to estimate the number applicants, the number of grants or the dollar amount of each grant

that will be disbursed from the "Back the Blue" Cash Fund, for purposes of completing the fiscal note, some assumptions were made. The Patrol has estimated that it will take some time for the fund to build up in the first year. Therefore, it estimates that 1/3 of the Revenue will be disbursed as aid in FY 26-27, resulting in total grants made in the amount of \$15,000. In FY 27-28 it estimates that 2/3 of the estimated revenue will be disbursed as aid, resulting in total grants made in the amount of \$67,000. It is important to note that without any historical data available, actual amounts could vary significantly from these estimates.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 EXPENDITURES	2027-28 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Federal Aid Administrator II		1.0		\$51,313
Benefits				\$20,012
...				
Operating				\$3,628
....				
Travel				
.				
Capital outlay				
Aid			\$15,000	\$67,000
.				
Capital improvements				
TOTAL			\$15,000	\$141,953