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LB 48

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)

	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	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 establishes the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is required to establish a designation process for four centers in cities of the metropolitan class, Omaha, for a period of five years. The bill state each of the four centers shall receive up to \$1 million annually from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund. As such, the maximum cost is \$4 million for five years for a total of \$20 million over the span of the program.

The designated fund source would likely require offsetting reduction in obligation to sustain the added expenditure. Alternatively, a transfer in to the cash fund from a different fund source could be enacted by the legislature to cover the cost. Funding for the centers is required to be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide direct community investment.

DHHS would require additional staff including a temporary Program Specialist, 1 FTE Resource Developer, and 0.25 FTE Administrator to implement the program for a total administrative cost of \$130,947 in FY26 and \$95,505 in FY27.

The services provided could offset expenditures in child welfare and juvenile justice programs of DHHS and the Supreme Court however the amount is indeterminable at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB:	48	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' 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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	FY 2025-2026		FY 2026-2027	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$130,947		\$95,505	
CASH FUNDS	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$4,130,947	\$0	\$4,095,505	\$0

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

LB48 establishes the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center pilot program for five years and outlines requirements for the programs and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The bill states that four centers shall be selected for the pilot program and may receive up to \$1 million annually from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund. This totals up to \$4 million in grants in addition to the staff positions listed below.

LB48 does not explicitly state that DHHS shall issue a contract or grant. To implement this legislation, Children and Family Services Protection and Safety (CFS-PS) would initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for applicants and conduct a review to ensure that the four centers selected for the pilot program meet the specific criteria for designation as a family resource and juvenile assessment center, as outlined in the bill. CFS would work with the Office of Procurement and Grants (OPG) to issue an RFP to select the four centers as required by the bill.

LB48 requires DHHS to establish a designation process for the assessment centers (Section 3), and Section 3 (2) mentions the National Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support. CFS-PS would need to research the process and qualifications for the aforementioned designation process to determine if it can be done internally or would need to be contracted externally. As part of the designation process, the bill requires DHHS to conduct site visits and staff interviews. Lastly, Section 11 of the bill requires DHHS to conduct an annual evaluation of the pilot program's impact.

CFS Would need a .50 FTE Program Specialist to help draft the RFP and initiate the contracts. This position could be temporary staff. Additionally, CFS would need a 1.0 FTE Contract Monitor (Resource Developer) that will be responsible for contract monitoring, completing the site visits required as part of the selection process, and the annual evaluation; this position would also complete the designation process if it is determined it can be done internally. Finally, CFS would need a 0.25 FTE Administrator to draft the RFP and initiate contracts as well as review and approve annual evaluations.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
DHHS Program Specialist	0.50	0.00	\$24,730	\$0
DHHS Resource Developer	1.00	1.00	\$38,742	\$40,679
DHHS Administrator I	0.25	0.25	\$17,509	\$18,384
MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
Benefits.....			\$28,344	\$20,672
Operating.....			\$4,021,622	\$4,015,770
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$4,130,947	\$4,095,505