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**LB 539**

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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				

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

LB 539 amends handgun regulations in Nebraska by removing the requirement to obtain a handgun purchase certificate. It also streamlines criminal history checks, focusing them specifically on qualifications for concealed carry permits or identifying disqualifications under state or federal law, relying primarily on federal background checks instead of state-issued certificates.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) states that the total fiscal impact cannot yet be determined due to insufficient data on potential case numbers and new users. Any additional work required to plan changes and update ECRA manuals will be handled by current staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 539	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE:	2/10/2025
		PHONE:	(402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Health and Human Services' estimated of indeterminable fiscal impact as a result of LB 539.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 539	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Administrative Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Jacob Leaver	DATE:	2/4/2025
		PHONE:	(402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Administrative Services' estimate of no fiscal impact as a result of LB 539.			

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**2025**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 539**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – State  
Personnel

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Sean Davis Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/24/25 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-471-4439

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

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
REVOLVING	_____	_____	_____	_____
FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 539 amends sections related to the purchase of firearms and handguns.

This has no discernible impact to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and there is therefore no fiscal impact.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</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 2-10-25		Phone: (5) 471-6719
	FY 2025-2026		FY 2026-2027	
	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:

LB539 repeals and amends statutes to harmonize language relating to handgun, firearm, or explosive purchases or permits and the approval or disqualification process by the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). This process includes checking information collected in the Division of Behavioral Health’s Electronic Commitment Reporting Application (ECRA) as submitted by the courts and moved through an interface with NSP to the FBI’s National Instant Criminal Background System (NICS). LB539 maintains the Department database requirements and the provision of specific information to NSP regarding persons committed for mental health treatment.

The total fiscal impact to the Department of Health and Human Services cannot be determined at this time due to the lack of quantifiable data on the number of cases and users that may be added. Any time worked towards scoping the changes and revising manuals for ECRA will be absorbed by current staff.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
PERSONAL SERVICES:				
	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
POSITION TITLE	26-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0