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LB 603

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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	\$47,500		\$47,500	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$47,500		\$47,500	

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

This bill modifies care management units under the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act. Currently, families accessing services under the Act are required to pay a fee from zero to ninety percent of the cost associated with care and the Area Agencies on Aging bill the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the remaining balance which is covered by General Funds. This bill would remove the required fee and make it optional. The estimated fiscal impact is \$47,500 which is approximately the amount collected in fees. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	603	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	2-24-2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4180
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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	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>		<u>FY 2026-2027</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$47,500.00		\$47,500.00	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$47,500.00	\$0	\$47,500.00	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB603 will amend Neb Rev Stat Section 81-2234. Currently, clients who have a family income below 300% of a poverty level determined by the Department of Health and Human Services based on any federal poverty index are mandated to pay a fee from zero to ninety percent of the cost associated with care provided directly from the Care Management Unit. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) then bill the department for the remaining balance and that is a general fund cost. LB603 makes the mandatory fee now voluntary. This fiscal note assumes that once the fees are made voluntary, the majority of Care Management clients will not pay them, which will reduce revenue received by the AAAs and subsequently increase the amount that the AAAs request for reimbursement from the department. This increase is a general fund cost.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
		26-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....				\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00