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**LB 192**

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# FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *</b>				
	<b>FY 2007-08</b>		<b>FY 2008-09</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB192 would eliminate the Community Scholarship Foundation Program, a student financial aid program administered by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. At the same time, the bill would establish a new student financial aid program to be administered by the Coordinating Commission, the Access College Early Scholarship Program. Under provisions of the new program, Nebraska high school students taking courses for credit from a Nebraska postsecondary institution while still enrolled in high school can qualify for financial aid if they meet certain income eligibility criteria established by the bill. Qualifying students would be eligible to receive a scholarship award in an amount equal to tuition and fees to be incurred by the student in taking a course provided by a postsecondary institution. According to the bill, the Coordinating Commission would forward the related financial aid amount to the relevant postsecondary institution in payment of the student's tuition and fees.

LB192 provides that the Coordinating Commission is to make financial aid payments under the program in the order that it receives applications until funds are inadequate to fulfill any remaining scholarship applications. As such, appropriation levels to support financial aid under the program would apparently be at the discretion of the Legislature. For 2006-07, General Funds appropriated for the Community Scholarship Foundation Program (to be eliminated by LB192) amount to \$49,750.

The Coordinating Commission anticipates costs to administer the Access College Early Scholarship Program would be comparable to current costs to administer the Community Scholarship Foundation Program. As such, the agency estimates no net additional administrative costs associated with LB192. The Coordinating Commission does, however, identify an estimate of nominal public notice and hearing costs (approximating \$1,000) that it would incur in developing rules and regulations for the new program.

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COMMENTS			
<b>NCCPE</b> – Minimal fiscal impact.			