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**LB 65** 

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## FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

| ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES * |              |         |              |         |  |  |
|--|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--|--|
|  | FY 2007-08   |         | FY 2008-09   |         |  |  |
|  | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE | EXPENDITURES | REVENUE |  |  |
| GENERAL FUNDS                                |              |         |              |         |  |  |
| CASH FUNDS                                   |              |         |              |         |  |  |
| FEDERAL FUNDS                                |              |         |              |         |  |  |
| EXCESS LIABILITY<br>FUND                     | See Below    |         | See Below    |         |  |  |
| TOTAL FUNDS                                  | _            |         |              |         |  |  |

LB 65 changes provisions of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act. The bill expands the timeframe for the recovery of damages pursuant to the act from ten to twenty years. The expansion of the timeframe for the recovery of damages will likely increase the amount of medical malpractice claims paid by the Excess Liability Fund. The amount of increase is unknown and may vary significantly from year to year. The Department of Insurance projects an average increase of 2% per year in claims paid by the fund, or about \$250,000 each year.

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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| COMMENTS  |              |             |                |  |  |  |
| DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE: No basis to disagree with agency estimate. |              |             |                |  |  |  |

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