

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
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 appropriates an unspecified amount in FY 2023 of funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to purchase Remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19. The funding would be from the federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Amendment. The bill has the emergency clause.

The amount of aid funding is not specified, so the extent of the program is unknown. There would be administrative costs but they cannot be determined.

The bill directs the use of a portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding available under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

The following are the allowed uses of SLFRF funds:

- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic
- **Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic**, by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and storm water infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>				
LB:	1221	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	2-23-2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4180
<p>COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact.                      "The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation."                      Technical Note: The language in LB 1221 does not provide the level of detail necessary to enact the appropriation intended.</p>				

**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 2022-2023**

**FY 2023-2024**

	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	See below		See below	

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 1221 appropriates an unspecified amount of Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services. Funds are to be used for purchasing remdesivir for patients suffering from COVID-19. The Federal Funds appropriated are to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

The current estimated cost of remdesivir treatments is \$5,000 per person to complete the recommended treatment period of 3 consecutive days. It is unknown at this time how many persons may be infected with COVID-19 and be in need of financial assistance. LB 1221 does not specify any distribution methods or other details. All administrative costs will be taken out of the appropriated amount.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023	2023-2024
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>				