

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
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.

LB 353 requires DHHS to award grants pursuant to the provisions of the bill and states legislative intent to appropriate \$25 million dollars from the General Fund in FY24 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The grant program is to begin in September 2023, grants are limited to a maximum of \$250,000 per facility, and grant recipients are obligated to complete their project/expend the grant funds within twelve months following receipt or within eighteen months with permission from DHHS or return the grant funds. To qualify, eligible facilities must have a memorandum of understanding with at least one Nebraska hospital to accept complex acute transition patients into any facility being benefited by the grant. DHHS is required to submit an annual report on grants awarded and the use of the grants to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

The grant is to be used for any project that increases the long-term care facility’s capacity to support the transition of residents with specific service needs that are not readily available in the long-term care setting. This includes but is not limited to the purchase and installation of residential care equipment, remodeling existing structures or additions to allow for patient care, purchase or modification of adaptive vehicles, computer services and software to aid in patient flow, and construction or modification of special additions and renovations that restructure beds within facilities.

DHHS indicates there are administrative costs to implement the grant program as prescribed. The bill authorizes up to 100 total grants with the funding allowance of \$25 million total and up to \$250,000 for each grantee. Additional personnel would be needed to implement and oversee the program; DHHS indicates the need for a Program Manager II, a Program Specialist, an Administrative Specialist, and the part-time assistance of an Administrator. Information Technology would need to identify methods to track and monitor awards that could save money and ensure efficiency. Costs for such a technology solution is not known. Total known administrative costs are estimated to be \$269,350 in FY24 and \$282,818 in FY25. There is no basis to disagree with the agency’s estimated administrative costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE				
LB:	353	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
REVIEWED BY:	Ann Linneman	DATE:	2-7-2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4180
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services’ analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.				
<u>Technical Note:</u> The current appropriation language is not sufficient to create an appropriation. The fiscal impact assessment assumes an accompanying A-bill articulating appropriation in accordance with §49-804.				

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE

LB: 353 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Insurance

REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman DATE: 1-23-2023 PHONE: (402) 471-4180

COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Insurance's assessment of no 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 2023-2024</u>		<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$24,717,182		\$282,818	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$24,717,182	\$0	\$282,818	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 353 would provide grants to nursing facilities for projects that increase the nursing facility’s capacity to support the transition of patients from the hospital to nursing facilities. These patients will have specific needs that are not readily available in the nursing facility and the nursing facility will be able to apply for grant funding to help purchase equipment for the patient use or to make modifications to the nursing facility to accommodate the patient. LB 353 provides an intent to appropriate \$25 million with up to \$250,000 per facility, resulting in at least 100 facilities receiving grants.

Additional staff would be needed to implement LB 353. Also, due to the significant number of new grant awards from this opportunity, Information Technology (IT) support would be required to identify ways to automate the award process, or to track and monitor awards which would save money and ensure efficiency, though the cost of this solution is unknown at this time. This would require 1 FTE DHHS Program Manager II (\$29.244 per hour), 1 FTE DHHS Program Specialist (\$23.314 per hour), and 1 FTE Administrative Specialist (\$18.443 per hour) to implement this new program. In addition, the supervising Unit Administrator (DHHS Administrator II at \$36.330 per hour) would need to dedicate 0.25 FTE of their time to oversee this process in a two-year period.

LB 353 contains an intent to appropriate \$25 million in FY24. As written, the administrative costs would come out of this \$25 million so the balance is the amount intended for aid.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024	2024-2025
		23-24	24-25	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
	G78792 - DHHS Program Manager II	1	1	\$60,828	\$63,869
	K73210 - Program Specialist	1	1	\$48,493	\$50,918
	K01014 - Administrative Specialist	1	1	\$38,361	\$40,280
	G78802 - DHHS Administrator II	.25	.25	\$18,892	\$19,836
	Benefits.....			\$58,301	\$61,216
	Operating.....			\$44,475	\$46,699
	Travel.....				
	Capital Outlay.....				
	Aid.....			\$24,447,832	
	Capital Improvements.....				
	TOTAL.....			\$24,717,182	\$282,818

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LB⁽¹⁾ 353

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Insurance

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jordan Blades Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/18/2023 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-1432

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The Department of Insurance does not anticipate any fiscal impact at this time.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____