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LB 763

Revision: 00

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	\$10,080,276		\$10,084,291	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$10,080,276		\$10,084,291	

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

This bill establishes the Emergency Food Assistance Act to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to award up to \$10,000,000 in grants each fiscal year for the following purposes:

- a) Purchase and distribute food,
- b) Infrastructure,
- c) Food storage,
- d) Equipment, and
- e) Construction of increased capacity.

The bill states legislative intent that money for such grants be appropriated from the General Fund and DHHS may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Act.

DHHS indicates an additional Program Coordinator would be needed to establish procedures, enter into agreements, and monitor compliance. The cost of the staff person amounts to \$80,276 in FY 24 and \$84,291 in FY25.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	763	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
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COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' analysis and estimate of fiscal impact to the department appears reasonable.			
Technical Note: 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.			

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 763 would create the Emergency Food Assistance Act. Under this act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may award up to \$10 million in grants each fiscal year. Any eligible nonprofit organization may apply for a grant. Grants awarded under this act shall be used only for purchasing and distributing food, infrastructure, food storage, equipment, and construction of increased capacity.

Procurement would need to create a request for applications (RFA) to award the funds. The funds cannot be awarded upon the date LB 763 becomes effective. The Emergency Food Assistance Act would create a new program to award funds to nonprofit organizations. Children and Family Services would need to promulgate regulations to determine the criteria for awarding grants and the recipients of assistance.

Establishing the agreements will require additional time from procurement staff and providing funds to organizations will require additional time from accounting staff. DHHS will require the addition of 1 full-time Program Coordinator to develop and administer the new program. LB 763 does not account for any of the administrative costs to be incurred by DHHS. Thus, additional State General Funds would be required for all work conducted on the newly created program.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-2024	2024-2025
	23-24	24-25	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
V73260 - DHHS Program Coordinator	1.00	1.00	\$49,645	\$52,128
Benefits.....			\$17,376	\$18,245
Operating.....			\$13,255	\$13,918
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$10,080,276	\$10,084,291