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**LB 982**

Revision: 00

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2024-25</b>		<b>FY 2025-26</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$9,613		\$13,458	
CASH FUNDS	\$9,613		\$13,458	
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$28,838		\$40,373	
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$48,064</b>		<b>\$67,289</b>	

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

This bill allows for Nurse Aides to work for service providers under the Medicaid Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Waiver under certain conditions. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) anticipates a large increase in the number of Nurse Aides due to this provision. DHHS would require 1.0 FTE Administrative Technician starting October 1, 2024 to process the applications and perform other work. The additional staff person would be funded using a mix of General, Cash, and Federal Funds. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate of fiscal impact.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>				
LB:	982	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services' assessment of 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 2024-2025</u>		<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	\$9,613	\$0	\$13,458	\$0
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>	\$9,613	\$0	\$13,458	\$0
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$28,838	\$0	\$40,373	\$0
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$48,064	\$0	\$67,289	\$0

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 982 allows a Nurse Aide to work for service providers under the Medicaid Comprehensive Developmental Disabilities Waiver if the specified conditions are met.

The Department of Health and Human Services would need to revise the existing regulations for 404 NAC 4, Certified Providers of Services and 175 NAC 3, Regulations Governing Centers for the Developmentally Disabled.

It is anticipated the number of Nurse Aides applying to be registered would increase drastically. The demand for their services would increase and Registered Nurse Aides typically earn a higher wage. Currently, there are over 33,000 active nurse aides on the registry. To remain active, the Nurse Aide must continue to be employed at an approved facility. DHHS must verify employment for each registrant on a rotating basis. DHHS employs 2.0 FTE Administrative Technicians to process applications, make verifications, and perform all other work associated with the Nurse Aide Registry. The current staff would not be able to handle additional workloads. Therefore, this estimate includes the costs to add 1.0 FTE Administrative Technician.

Existing staff would be utilized to revise regulations; update the website; and include service providers in the Nurse Aide Training Course which currently is only for facilities.

The cost impact of this work is being deferred from a formal request at this time and is estimated as follows:

Title	Hour(s)	Hourly Cost	Absorbed Cost
<i>Director</i>	1	\$ 77	\$ 77
<i>Deputy Director</i>	1	\$ 56	\$ 56
<i>Administrator I</i>	1	\$ 31	\$ 31
<i>Program Specialist</i>	2	\$ 23	\$ 47
<i>Program Analyst</i>	4	\$ 23	\$ 91
<i>Attorney III</i>	10	\$ 35	\$ 345
<b>Total Costs</b>			\$ 647

Costs would be paid from Program 033 – Administration using Federal, Cash and General Funds.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**PERSONAL SERVICES:**

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025	2025-2026
	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
K01013 Administrative Technician	.75	1.0	\$28,100	\$39,340

Benefits.....			\$9,835	\$13,769
Operating.....			\$10,129	\$14,180
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$48,064</b>	<b>\$67,289</b>