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**LB 1160**

Revision: 00

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2024-25</b>		<b>FY 2025-26</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB 1160 modifies certain provisions of programs within the Excellence in Teaching Act.

Under the Attracting Excellence in Teaching Program (AETP), eligible students would be able to apply for loans of up to \$6,000 per year for three (3) years instead of up to \$3,000 per year over five (5) years. This would increase the maximum loan amount per student from \$15,000 to \$18,000. (Students awarded loans prior to the operative date of the Excellence in Teaching Act would still be able to take loans for periods not to exceed five consecutive years, as the Act was originally written.)

LB 1160 also includes intent language that if transfers to the AETP and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP) are insufficient to fund them at their respective maximum levels - \$400,000 annually for EETP and \$800,000 annually for EETP – the General fund will cover the remaining costs up to the amounts prescribed.

The narrative in the fiscal note provided by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) explains that, given the current balance of, and projected transfers to, the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund (from which the expenses for the above programs will be paid), balances will be sufficient to meet the needs AETP and EETP for the next two fiscal years. The CCPE also verbally clarified that if transfers into these two programs were to be insufficient to fund AETP at \$400,000 or the EETP at \$800,000 annually, the CCPE would adjust the loan amounts downward as required to avoid the need to have General funds pay remaining costs. (Language in § 85-3112 provides for annual distribution of “up to” four hundred thousand and eight hundred thousand dollars respectively.)

No fiscal impact.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB:	1160	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/23/24      PHONE: (402) 471-4161
COMMENTS: Agree with agency that the provisions of the bill will have no fiscal impact to the agency.			

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**2024**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 1160**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Gary Timm Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/19/2024 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402.471.0020

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</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:**

LB 1160, Sec. 2 increases the annual forgivable loan amount eligible students may apply for under the Attracting Excellence in Teaching Program from \$3,000 per year for five years to \$6,000 per year for three years. This would increase the maximum amount a student could be awarded from \$15,000 to \$18,000.

LB 1160, Sec. 3 includes intent language that if transfers to the Attracting Excellence in Teaching Program (AETP) and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program (EETP) are insufficient to fund AETP at \$400,000 and the EETP at \$800,000 annually, the General fund will cover the remaining costs up to the amounts prescribed.

Beginning in the 2024-25 award year, the Career Readiness and Dual-Credit Education Grant Program and the Student Teaching program will have up to \$250,000 and \$500,000 respectively, set aside from the Excellence in Teaching lottery transfer amount, thereby decreasing the amount available to the Attracting Excellence in Teaching Program and the Enhancing Excellence in Teaching Program.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3501(2)(g) provides for 8% of lottery funds available to be used for education to be transferred to the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund, or \$1.7 million for FY2023-24. Provided the AETP is allocated the minimum of \$400,000, the EETP is allocated the minimum of \$800,000, in addition to the amounts allocated in the paragraph above, there would be sufficient cash funds available to fund the program during the next two fiscal years. No fiscal impact.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2024-25</u> <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2025-26</u> <u>EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>24-25</u>	<u>25-26</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____