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LB 976

Revision: 00

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	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 976 seeks to establish a comprehensive educational and training program on child abuse, tailored for judges and relevant court personnel in Nebraska. Developed by the State Court Administrator, this program will cover a wide range of topics related to child maltreatment, such as sexual, physical, psychological, and emotional abuse, including issues of bias, trauma, neglect, and the broader impacts of abuse on children, and will be grounded in evidence-based, peer-reviewed research and incorporate best practices in addressing family violence.

The bill specifies that the purpose of the training is to enhance the understanding of court personnel regarding custody determinations, with a special focus on the effects of abuse and trauma on children. Additionally, it is designed to align with federal grant funding requirements. The bill requires training to improve the courts' ability to make well-informed custody decisions that prioritize the best interests of children.

Expenditures:

The Supreme Court states that currently, LB976 does not have an immediate fiscal impact as it does not obligate the State Court Administrator to develop the proposed training program. The potential fiscal impact, while potentially significant, is indeterminable due to the lack of complete information needed by the agency.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 976	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Supreme Court (005)
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COMMENTS: No disagreement with the Supreme Court estimate of potential, but Indeterminate Fiscal Impact to the Agency from LB 976.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 976

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ 05 Supreme Court

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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:

LB976 does not have a direct fiscal impact since the State Court Administrator (SCA) is not required to develop the training program outlined.

A very preliminary review shows that the potential fiscal impact could be significant. However, at this time, the Judicial Branch does not have all the information needed to determine the feasibility of implementing an education and training program that will conform with Federal standards. This fiscal note may be revised at a later date.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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