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LB 310

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$67,462		\$78,852	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$67,462		\$78,852	

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

This bill would permit exception to newborn screenings for inherited or congenital infant or childhood-onset diseases.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would need to update various materials and create processes for administrative tracking of refusals. In order to perform the additional work requirements including verification of refusals, DHHS would need one additional FTE Community Health educator. The additional staff would necessitate \$67,462 in FY26 and \$78,852 in FY27. The operational personnel expenditures would only be needed in the first year to purchase equipment including a computer however operational expenditures in subsequent years such as rent for one additional staff person can be absorbed by the agency.

For similar proposed legislation, [LB 1060 \(2024\)](#), DHHS also acknowledged that unscreened newborns may lead to increased expenditures in programs including Developmental Disabilities, Medicaid, CHIP, and Economic Assistance. Child Welfare and Behavioral Health may incur expenses as well. All of these potential increases in aid expenditures are indeterminable.

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

LB:	310	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Dept 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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	FY 2025-2026		FY 2026-2027	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$67,462		\$94,447	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$67,462	\$0	\$94,447	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB310 provides exemptions to Nebraska's mandatory newborn screening if a parent or guardian objects.

The proposed bill does not require caregivers to submit or sign a written refusal form. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would not be able to enforce this legislation without a written record that verifies compliance with other state statutes.

If LB310 were amended to require a refusal form submitted to DHHS for enforcement purposes, this would put an additional step for verification on compliance. Staff would have to conduct a three-way match between datasets to ensure every birth is accounted for with either a newborn screen or a refusal form. After completing the matching process, if no newborn screen or refusal form is found, then staff would need to reach out to the birthing hospital, or in the case of births occurring outside of a hospital, the caregiver would need to confirm whether they intended to refuse the screening.

Independent from a potential refusal form and any corresponding additional steps, DHHS would still require an additional FTE Community Health Educator to update regulations and education, provide outreach to facilities, educate providers, and enable programmatic changes. The cost of this FTE is \$67,462 in fiscal year 2026 and \$94,447 in fiscal year 2027.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2025-2026	2026-2027
	25-26	26-27	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Community Health Educator/Senior (H11522)	1	1	\$41,721	\$58,409
Benefits.....			\$14,602	\$20,443
Operating.....			\$11,139	\$15,595
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$67,462	\$94,447