

FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)					
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2027-2028	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2028-2029	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
REVENUE	GENERAL	CASH	FEDERAL	REVOLVING	TOTAL
FY2025-2026	0	0	0	0	0
FY2026-2027	0	0	0	0	0
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	0	0	0	0

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

This bill adopts the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact for a licensing pathway to create reciprocity among participant states. Applicants under the Compact, respiratory therapists from other states, would be subject to criminal background check by Nebraska State Patrol. Additional work would be required by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) within Program 178 – Professional Licensure if the compact is enacted (at least 7 states enact the compact into State law). Currently 5 states have enacted legislation for the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact and 7 states including Nebraska have pending legislation filed to enact the compact. Should the compact be enacted, DHHS would be required to share data that would necessitate a \$38,000 annual fee for data interfacing. There is no basis to disagree with this estimate however the timing of the expenditures depends on when a sufficient number of states enact the compact which is indeterminable at this time.

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

LB: 735	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact.
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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 2026-2027		FY 2027-2028	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS			\$38,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$38,000	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB735 Proposes the adoption of the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact in Nebraska should at least seven (7) other states pass the model for the compact through legislation. Should the compact be enacted, the State will be required to share licensure data with the compact. This will be managed via the Evoke Licensure system hosted by SystemAutomation, which will be in production prior to the time when this data will need to be shared (scheduled to go live 8/11/2027). This will be an additional interface cost to the current three (3) interfaces provided per year as part of SystemAutomation's contract with the State. SystemAutomation charges \$38,000 per each additional standard interface, which the requested data will fall under.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027	2027-2028
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				\$38,000
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$38,000