

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
REVENUE	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

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

LB 1061 proposes to remove certain categories of individuals from consideration from in-state tuition. Those categories include those who are seeking to attain "lawful status under federal immigration law." The bill seeks to replace that term with allowing in-state tuition for those who have a bona fide intention to "become lawful permanent residents of the United States."

The only higher-education system reporting a known fiscal impact is the University of Nebraska (NU). NU reports that its current mechanisms for determining residency status are unlikely to meet the bill's requirements, as the primary mechanism currently used is a high school transcript. If LB 1061 were to pass, NU estimates that each of its four (4) campuses would need to hire an additional admissions specialist to determine and implement new procedures and require potential students to provide documentary proof of residency.

FY27: Salaries estimate \$280,000 Benefits estimate \$92,400 Total estimate: \$372,400

FY28, FY29: Salaries estimate \$288,400 Benefits estimate \$95,172 Total estimate: \$383,572

Given the budget cuts recently implemented by NU campuses, it is reasonable to expect that existing resources would be insufficient to assume the new workload. However, there could be potential increase in tuition (Cash) revenue due to the collection of tuition at out-of-state rates, which has not yet been estimated.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1061

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**State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name:** ⁽²⁾

Nebraska Community College Association

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Courtney Wittstruck

Date Prepared: 1/20/26

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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.381.2084

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2027-28

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

Unknown impact due to potential revenue increase related to increase in out-of-state tuition vs. potential decreased enrollment resulting from increased tuition costs.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-27 EXPENDITURES	2027-28 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		

Benefits.....

Operating.....

Travel.....

**Capital
outlay.....**

Aid.....

**Capital
improvements.....**

TOTAL.....

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1061	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/15/2026		PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: Concur with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's estimate of no fiscal impact from LB 1061.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1061	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Metropolitan Community College	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/20/2026		PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: Concur with Metropolitan Community College's estimate of no fiscal impact from LB 1061.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1061	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State College System	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/20/2026		PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: Concur with Nebraska State College System's estimate of no fiscal impact from LB 1061.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1061	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Community College Association	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/22/2026		PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Community College Association's estimate of indeterminate fiscal impact from LB 1061.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 1061	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska System	
REVIEWED BY: Kimberly Burns	DATE: 01/23/2026		PHONE: (402) 471-4171
COMMENTS: Agree that there may be a fiscal impact for the University of Nebraska System from LB 1061. However, the stated impact related to the provisions of the bill appears overstated.			

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

Metropolitan Community College

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Brian DeNio

Date Prepared: 1/16/26

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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ (531)622-2515

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2027-28

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact

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Personal Services:

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EXPENDITURES

2027-28

EXPENDITURES

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Gary Timm

Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/15/2026

Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.471.0020

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>FY 2027-28</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

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	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....				

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FISCAL NOTE

**State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name:** ⁽²⁾

Nebraska State College System

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Brenda Owen

Date Prepared: 1.20.2026

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Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2505

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2027-28

	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

The State Colleges do not maintain different tuition rates for resident and non-resident students. As a result, extending or clarifying eligibility under the bill would not change the amount of tuition assessed or collected, and no fiscal impact is anticipated.

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LB ⁽¹⁾1061 Change residence requirements relating to tuition and fees at state postsecondary educational institutions

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:⁽²⁾

University of Nebraska System

Prepared by:⁽³⁾ **Anne Barnes**

Date Prepared:⁽⁴⁾ **01/22/2026**

Phone:⁽⁵⁾

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026 - 27		FY 2027 - 28	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>372,400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>383,572.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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As written, our current mechanisms for determining residency status are unlikely to meet the bill's requirements, as the primary mechanism currently used is a high school transcript. If this bill were to pass, it is likely our campuses would need to determine and implement new procedures and require documentary proof of residency. We anticipate the need to hire one additional admissions specialist per campus.

Personal Services:

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026 - 27 EXPENDITURES	2027 - 28 EXPENDITURES
	26 - 27	27 - 28		
Admissions Specialist	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>280,000.00</u>	<u>288,400.00</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Benefits.....			<u>92,400.00</u>	<u>95,172.00</u>
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>372,400.00</u>	<u>383,572.00</u>