

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	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.

LB 961 creates the Collateral Sanction Relief Act, allowing eligible individuals to petition the court for a certificate of qualification for employment to reduce certain conviction-based barriers to employment and occupational licensing. The bill establishes petition requirements, notice procedures (including county attorney and victim notice), court standards for granting or denying a certificate, and the legal effect of requiring individualized employment/licensing decisions instead of automatic disqualification, with specified exceptions.

The bill directs the Supreme Court to maintain a certificate database and publish an annual report, and requires cooperation from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole when courts request information.

The Supreme Court states that LB 961 would require additional resources to develop, implement, and maintain the petition process and the probation database needed to administer collateral sanction relief. This could include additional probation staff to complete presentence investigations when ordered, IT and probation staff to build and maintain the required database, and additional court staff to review and process petitions, with a potential increase in judicial workload in certain districts.

The agency's preliminary data indicates about 50,000 individuals could be eligible to file petitions, and the agency's preliminary General Fund estimate for IT changes, staffing, and training is \$1.2 million. This estimate may be revised as the operational impact is further evaluated and as additional clarity on bill provisions is obtained.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 961

FISCAL NOTE

**State Agency OR Political Subdivision
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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:

NDCS estimates no fiscal impact as a result of LB961.

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: 961 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 961.

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

LB: 961 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Supreme Court

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COMMENTS: The Supreme Court's estimated fiscal impact as a result of LB 961 appears reasonable.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 961

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
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05 Supreme Court

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

FY 2026-27

FY 2026-27

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB961 would require additional resources to develop, implement and maintain the petition process and database needed to provide collateral sanction relief. This includes:

1. Additional Probation staff to conduct presentence investigations which a judge can require.
2. IT and Probation staff to develop and maintain the database required of Probation.
3. Additional court staff to review and process petitions.
4. A potential significant increase in judicial workload in certain judicial districts.

Preliminary data shows approximately 50,000 individuals could potentially submit petitions. A very preliminary General Fund estimate for IT modifications, staff, and training: \$1.2 million.

Note: Due to the short time period between the introduction of LB961 and its hearing date, this fiscal note may be amended as additional information on the Judicial Branch operational impact is developed. Clarity on several provisions of LB961 is also required before an updated estimate can be determined.

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Benefits.....

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Operating.....

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Travel.....

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Capital

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Aid.....
Capital improvements.....
TOTAL.....