

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.

LB 780 would require insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of an eating disorder. Coverage would include:

- Medical, psychological, and pharmaceutical care
- nutritional counseling provided by a licensed dietitian or nutritionist
- Services provided at all levels of care, including but not limited to, inpatient, residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient treatment

The Department of Administrative Services and the University of Nebraska indicate their health insurance plans currently cover the diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders so there is no fiscal impact to these agencies.

The Department of Insurance indicates that LB 780 would establish a new state-required benefit pursuant to the Affordable Care Act and the costs would need to be defrayed. The Department surveyed several QHP issuers to create a cost estimate which totaled approximately \$1,109,000 annually. With the bill having an operative date of January 1, 2027, the benefits would only be mandated for half of FY 2026-2027, thus, resulting in an estimate of \$509,500.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires the defrayal of all costs of new state required benefits for ACA individual and small group plans. This is done either through reimbursement by the state to the issuer of a Qualified Health Plan (QHP), or the enrollee. Pursuant to the ACA, the insurer quantifies the cost attributable to the new required benefit and that cost is submitted to the state for reimbursement. Under current Nebraska law, these defrayal costs would be paid under the state claims process.

The defrayal costs are charged by each individual QHP insurer. Depending upon the relevant population of insureds that have coverage under that insurer, the costs could potentially exceed the estimate provided depending upon actual utilization by all eligible enrollees in the plans. In any instance, the amount spent, pursuant to the ACA, must be reimbursed by the state.

No basis to disagree with estimate.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 780

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – State
 Personnel – Wellness & Benefits

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jennifer Norris Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/9/26 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402 480 9728

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
REVOLVING FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>See Below</u>	_____	<u>See below</u>	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

LB780 is an Act to require the coverage of eating disorders as prescribed.

The State of Nebraska current medical plans already include the coverage for diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders.

There is no impact to the State of Nebraska’s health or prescription plans.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

LB: 780 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska System

REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 1/16/2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4174

COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the University of Nebraska System's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 780.

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

LB: 780 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Insurance

REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 2/19/2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4174

COMMENTS: The Department of Insurance's assessment of fiscal impact from LB 780 appears reasonable.

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

LB: 780 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 1/16/2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4174

COMMENTS: Concur with DAS' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 780.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 780

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Insurance

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jordan Blades Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/11/26 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4638

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2026-27</u>		<u>FY 2027-28</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>509,500</u>		<u>1,109,000</u>	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>509,500</u>		<u>1,109,000</u>	

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 780 would mandate that health carriers provide coverage for treatment of eating disorders, including medical, psychological, and pharmaceutical care, nutritional counseling provided by a licensed dietitian or nutritionist, and services provided at all levels of care including, but not limited to, inpatient, residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient treatment.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires the defrayal of all costs of new state required benefits for ACA individual and small group plans. This is done either through reimbursement by the state to the issuer of a Qualified Health Plan (QHP), or the enrollee. Pursuant to the ACA, the insurer quantifies the cost attributable to the new required benefit and that cost is submitted to the state for reimbursement. Under current Nebraska law, these defrayal costs would be paid under the state claims process.

The benefits mandated by LB 780 constitute a new state-required benefit pursuant to the ACA and the costs resulting from these benefits would need to be defrayed.

The Department surveyed several QHP issuers to create a cost estimate for the benefits that would be required to be defrayed under this bill. The estimates from QHP issuers for increased premium costs to their plans totaled approximately \$1,109,000 annually. The bill has an operative date of January 1, 2027. Therefore, the benefits would only be mandated for half of FY 2026-2027 resulting in an estimate of \$509,500.

Please note that the defrayal costs are charged by each individual QHP insurer. Depending upon the relevant population of insureds that have coverage under that insurer. The costs could potentially exceed the estimate provided depending upon actual utilization by all eligible enrollees in the plans. In any instance, the amount spent, pursuant to the ACA, must be reimbursed by the state.

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	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				

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LB (1) 0780 Require insurance coverage of eating disorders

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:⁽²⁾ University of Nebraska System

Prepared by:⁽³⁾ Anne Barnes Date Prepared:⁽⁴⁾ 01/16/2026 Phone:⁽⁵⁾ (402) 472-2191

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2026 - 27		FY 2027 - 28	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</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>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

Our employee health insurance plan carrier has confirmed we are currently in compliance with the language in the bill.

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	<u>26 - 27</u>	<u>27 - 28</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
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TOTAL.....				