

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	0	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2027-2028	0	SEE BELOW	0	0	SEE BELOW
FY2028-2029	0	SEE BELOW	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 appropriates \$500,000 from the Health Care Cash Fund in FY27 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Program 514, Public Health Aid, for state aid to Federally Qualified Health Centers to be distributed proportionally based on uninsured clients to expand access.

Note that the specified cash fund would not be able to sustain the appropriations without provision of additional funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE
LB: 858 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.
<u>Technical Note:</u> There is a great deal of uncertainty in projecting Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement payments into the Health Care Cash Fund. Any increase in spending from the fund will jeopardize the sustainability of this fund in the future.

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				
CASH FUNDS	\$500,000		\$500,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB858 provides an additional \$500,000 per year for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) starting in Financial Year 2026-27. The additional funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund are to be used for expanded health care access in existing lines of service, adding new lines of service, adding new service locations, purchasing equipment, or completing capital projects. The Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health will recalculate the amount of funding to be distributed to each FQHC in order to include the additional funds.

The legislature would need to increase the annual transfer to the health care cash fund or eliminate a separate earmark to accommodate this \$500K earmark.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027	2027-2028
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$500,000	\$500,000
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$500,000	\$500,000