

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	72,000	0	0	0	72,000
FY2027-2028	0	0	0	0	0
FY2028-2029	0	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.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and enforce child support obligations of the biological father of an unborn child upon the request of the mother as early as the first month of conception and allows for retroactive imposition of child support.

There is no fiscal impact to the State Treasurer, whose office oversees the Nebraska Child Support Payment Center (NCSPC) and processes and disburses all Nebraska child support payments. DHHS indicates needing \$72,000 General Funds for system updates to accommodate the changes needed to implement such a policy. DHHS notes assistance programs require individuals seeking assistance to cooperate with Child Support Enforcement as a condition of eligibility. This could have an impact on some Public Assistance expenditures; however, the extent is indeterminable.

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

LB: 1242 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska State Treasurer

REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman DATE: 1-26-2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4180

COMMENTS: The State Treasurer's assessment of no fiscal impact seems reasonable given the assumptions used.

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

LB: 1242 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services

REVIEWED BY: Ann Linneman DATE: 2-12-2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4180

COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact.

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

Prepared by: (3) John Meals

Date Prepared 2-12-2026

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	FY 2026-2027		FY 2027-2028	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$72,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1242 would require the Office of Economic Assistance (OEA) to establish and enforce child support obligations, for a biological father, of an unborn child upon the request of the mother. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall promulgate the new rules and regulations.

If the intent of this bill is for the establishment process to occur after the child is born, OEA would be required to update processes and procedures to account for retroactive child support.

But, if the intent of this bill is to establish and enforce child support obligations while the child is in-utero then this could potentially impact several programs within OEA such as Aid to Dependent Children (ADC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Child Care Subsidy (CC) which requires participants to cooperate with Child Support Enforcement (CSE) as a condition of eligibility. Currently, referrals for cooperation with CSE are only made after the birth of a child. This bill would require pregnant participants to also cooperate with CSE and if they fail to cooperate then there would be penalties for each program that requires CSE as a condition for eligibility.

DHHS would need to revise the genetic testing contract to incorporate procedures for in-utero genetic testing, revise existing regulations and any guidance documents. Additionally, the distribution of child support funds occurs at the dependent level which would require the child's name and Social Security Number (SSN) to link the payment. OEA would need to update the CHARTS system to create a mechanism to distribute funds for an unknown child which includes determining a specific identifier prior to distribution of funds. Updates to the system can take up to twelve months to implement. Furthermore, updates would also be required for Nebraska Family Online Client User System (NFOCUS) and JUSTICE interface in order to accept unborn child information. These updates have an estimated cost of \$72,000 and will be paid using State General Funds.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027 EXPENDITURES	2027-2028 EXPENDITURES
	26-27	27-28		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....			\$72,000	
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$72,000	\$0

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

State Treasurer

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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	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

The State Treasurer's Office doesn't expect any fiscal impact from LB 1242 to the office.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

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

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision
Name: ⁽²⁾

05 Supreme Court

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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				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Explanation of Estimate:

Minimal fiscal impact to provide judicial education. No additional resources required.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2027-28 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>26-27</u>	<u>27-28</u>		
Benefits.....				
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TOTAL.....				