

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	SEE BELOW	0	0	0	SEE BELOW
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.

This bill establishes the Case Management Licensure Act which provides definitions and requires case management licensure to provide case management services in the child welfare system. The Foster Care Review Office (FCRO) is required to oversee such licensure. FCRO indicates extensive undeterminable costs to create a new licensure system and hire employees to oversee the duties outlined in the bill. The Department of Health and Human Services indicates over 1,900 child welfare workers may be required to pursue licensure. The bill does not specify a deadline for establishing the new licensing system. DHHS notes potential issues in child welfare caseload rations depending on implementation of provisions of the bill. It is reasonable to assume substantial fiscal impact though the amount is indeterminable at this time.

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

LB: 1213 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.

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				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1213 creates the Case Management Licensure Act. This will require any position within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that performs work related to child welfare, child protective services, or foster care, to be licensed. The bill may also affect child placing agencies and other contracted providers delivering visitation, foster care support, family preservation, or reunification services.

Based on DHHS internal staffing data, approximately 923 total positions would require licensure, including filled and vacant positions. Currently, Child and Family Services (CFS) contracts with approximately 40 service providers. If contractors are required to be licensed, this would affect approximately 995 contracted individuals.

As the bill is currently written, the exact fiscal impact cannot be determined. The Foster Care Review Office is responsible for establishing licensure standards, fees, disciplinary procedures, and related processes. Until those requirements are defined, DHHS cannot calculate total costs.

Potential fiscal impacts include licensure and renewal fees for employees and contractors; staff time to complete licensure requirements; administrative costs associated with verifying, tracking, and maintaining licensure compliance; changes to hiring practices and potential hiring delays; development and delivery of new training; updates to policies and Standard Operating Procedures; and staff time required to coordinate with the Foster Care Review Office regarding rulemaking and operational standards. There may also be workforce, and caseload impacts if current staff or contractors are unable to obtain licensure in a timely manner, potentially affecting service delivery. The bill does not include an appropriation or an identified funding source.

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.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				