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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.

This bill establishes the Freestanding Birth Center Act. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and enforce standards for licensure and regulation of birth centers. DHHS estimates needing one FTE at the Nursing Services Surveyor Consultant level to oversee investigation work associated with the provisions of the bill. However, the agency notes uncertainty in estimating the total number of centers that may pursue licensure. As such the fiscal impact is indeterminable.

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1234

FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jennifer Norris Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/23/26 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>_____</u>	<u>See Below</u>	<u>_____</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 1234 would adopt the Freestanding Birth Center Act allowing for licensing and regulation of birth centers and allowing for coverage for maternity services rendered by a birth center under a health insurance policy that provides newborn care or maternity benefits.

The State of Nebraska current policies already include coverage for birth centers.

There is no impact to the Department of Administrative Services or 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: 1234 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Insurance

REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 2/10/2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4174

COMMENTS: The Department of Insurance's assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 1234 appears reasonable.

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

LB: 1234 AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

REVIEWED BY: Ryan Walton DATE: 1/27/2026 PHONE: (402) 471-4174

COMMENTS: DAS' assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 1234 appears reasonable.

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 2-10-2026

Phone: (5) 471-6719

	<u>FY 2026-2027</u>		<u>FY 2027-2028</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$111,102		\$116,656	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$111,102	\$0	\$116,656	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1234 creates the Freestanding Birth Center Act which directs the licensing agency to adopt standards for licensure and regulation of such birth centers.

The exact impact of this bill is difficult to predict as it is unknown how many freestanding birth centers may pursue licensure. Although this bill requires that freestanding birth centers be limited to low-risk, uncomplicated pregnancies, events can change quickly in obstetrics and could result in an increase in complaints. The new inspection work and complaint investigation associated with this new licensing type cannot be absorbed with the current staffing and will require the hiring of a new FTE Nursing Services Surveyor Consultant.

LB1234 creates the Freestanding Birth Center Act outside of the Healthcare Facilities Licensure Act, thus the required costs are state general funds, as opposed to cash funds.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2026-2027	2027-2028
	26-27	27-28	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Nursing Services Surveyor Consultant	1.0	1.0	\$68,709	\$72,144

Benefits.....	\$24,048	\$25,250
Operating.....	\$18,345	\$19,262
Travel.....		
Capital Outlay.....		
Aid.....		
Capital Improvements.....		
TOTAL.....	\$111,102	\$116,656

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LB⁽¹⁾ 1234

FISCAL NOTE

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Jordan Blades Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/9/26 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	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The Department does not anticipate any fiscal impact at this time.

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.....	_____	_____	_____	_____