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LB 493

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$75,000		\$82,500	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$75,000		\$82,500	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 493 requires that individual and group sickness and accident insurance policies issued or renewed in the state include coverage for single or bilateral cochlear implants for persons diagnosed with severe to profound hearing impairment. The bill will have no fiscal impact for state agencies because health insurance plans for state employees currently cover cochlear implants.

The University of Nebraska indicates the bill will have a fiscal impact to add benefits to the University health insurance plan for cochlear implants. The estimated increased cost per the University insurance carrier is \$75,000 of general funds in 2009-10 and \$82,500 in 2010-11. Any fiscal impact for political subdivisions is unknown and depends upon coverage offered to employees.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS					
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: Agree with estimate of impact.					
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE: Agree with agency's estimate of impact.					
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: No basis to disagree with agency's estimate of impact. However, the additional cost could be paid from other fund sources than General Funds.					