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LB 393

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *

	FY 2007-08		FY 2008-09	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB393 would change the maximum award amount under the Nebraska Scholarship Program which is administered by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Under current law for the 2007-08 award year and years thereafter, such awards are not to exceed an amount equivalent to 25% of the tuition and mandatory fees for a full-time, resident, undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the last completed award year. LB393 would increase the maximum award amount to 50% of the specified tuition and fee level. While the maximum level of such awards to individual students would be impacted, the level of appropriations for the Nebraska Scholarship Program would remain at the discretion of the Legislature. As such, the change in the maximum award amount represents no fiscal impact.

Under provisions of current law, individuals eligible to receive awards under the Nebraska Scholarship Program are to be resident undergraduate students who are domiciled in Nebraska as provided by Sec. 85-502. LB393 would alter this provision so as to provide that an eligible individual is to be an undergraduate student who intends to stay in the state after completion of his or her program of study as evidenced on a form prescribed by the Coordinating Commission. The bill includes no penalty provision for an award recipient that may not abide by such a statement of intent nor does it explicitly direct the Commission to monitor abidance with such statements. As such, the proposed change to the definition of an eligible student appears to have no fiscal impact.

The Coordinating Commission indicates that a nominal level of public notice and hearing costs would be incurred relative to adoption of rule changes for the Nebraska Scholarship Program and development of a residency intent form as provided in the bill.

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COMMENTS			
COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION: Generally concur with agency response. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: Generally concur with agency response. No direct fiscal impact to the University.			