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LB 871

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

This bill requires a report by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The report is required to include specific information and be submitted electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee by November 1 of each year.

The provisions of the bill would require approximately 90 total staff hours to compile and review the report for submission. Federal TANF administrative funds pay for the staff time that would be directed to this purpose. No additional funds would be necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 871	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services	
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COMMENTS: Concur with the Nebraska Department of Health & 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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	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>		<u>FY 2025-2026</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB871 requires Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to submit a report to the Nebraska Legislature by November 1st each year on the anticipated expenditures for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant funds. The earliest effective operative date for this bill would be starting 11/01/2024. Additionally, the requirement to make determinations of how the use of funds is more beneficial to families than an increase in ADC would require DHHS to speculate and justify how the use of TANF funds for services and programs is more beneficial than additional funding directly to families. The report must include the following information:

1. A clear description of programs and services currently funded by the TANF program.
2. A clear explanation of the TANF purpose met by the program.
3. For programs and services provided by entities other than the state, a clear description of the recipient of the TANF funds.
4. For programs other than the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program, a statement explaining how an expenditure for that program or service is more likely to help families achieve economic mobility and self-sufficiency than an increase in expenditures for the ADC program.
5. The number of persons served under each program or service.
6. All costs and expenditures associated with each program or service.

Currently, DHHS submits a TANF Expenditure Plan annually to the Legislative Fiscal Office. The current plan lists the expenditures and a description of the services. LB871 would require DHHS to provide additional data noted above in an annual report. The current Expenditure Plan that is provided is not statutorily required and the submission date would need to be adjusted to combine the two reports and reduce duplication of effort on Department staff for pulling the information together. The additional data components would require additional staff time to compile the information together as well as time for the reviews of the information by Department leadership.

The report proposed by LB871 would be prepared by a TANF Program Specialist annually. The estimated time for the Program Specialist to evaluate the programs and services, compile the data and prepare the report is 80 hours. An additional 10 hours of staff time is anticipated for the review and submission of the report by the Administrator, Deputy Director, Director, and Office of Legislative Services staff. Federal TANF funds would be expended for the staff costs.

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2024-2025	2025-2026
	24-25	25-26	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$0	\$0