

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

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

LB 299 allows eligible aliens to receive public benefits related to employment and retirement.

The only agency reporting a fiscal impact is the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL), who explains that historically, up to 300 individuals per year were denied unemployment insurance benefits because of citizenship status. NDOL asserts that additional individuals in Nebraska could now apply for unemployment insurance benefits who would not have applied before, and that this amount is unknown. NDOL uses the assumption of 300 applicants and average weekly benefit for 2024 (\$451.45), combined with the average claim duration of approximately 12 weeks, to arrive at its estimated increase in payments of \$1,625,220. NDOL further explains that the agency would need to implement business process changes but does not anticipate technology costs. The source of the insurance benefits payments would be Trust funds, and the agency explains that current Trust funds balances will support this increase.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 299	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Labor	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Yang	DATE: 2/6/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4178	
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Department of Labor assessment of fiscal impact from LB 299 appears reasonable.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 299	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – State Personnel	
REVIEWED BY: Ryan Yang	DATE: 2/1/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4178	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Department of Administrative Services assessment of no fiscal impact to the agency from LB 299.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 299	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems	
REVIEWED BY: Gary Bush	DATE: 01/23/2025	PHONE: (402) 471-4161	
COMMENTS: Agree with the agency's estimate of No Fiscal Impact.			

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Sean Davis Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/17/25 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-4439

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
REVOLVING FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 299 requires provision of public benefits, including employment benefits, to eligible aliens. This includes retirement benefits under the State Employees Retirement Act, the Employment Security Law, deferred compensation under section 84-1504, scholarships or financial aid for education, and any other benefit relating to employment, including what would apply to the eligible alien’s family members or dependents.

State agencies would be required to maintain an approved identification document for each individual as outlined in this bill. In Section 4, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is required to prescribe a format for individuals applying for public benefits to attest to their eligible alien status.

Aliens with employment authorization currently employed by the State of Nebraska have access to employment benefits.

There is no identified fiscal impact to the Department of Administrative Services.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Rea Easton Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 2/5/2025 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-416-6809

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TRUST FUNDS	<u>1,625,220</u>	_____	<u>1,625,220</u>	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>1,625,220</u></u>	_____	<u><u>1,625,220</u></u>	_____

Explanation of Estimate: As proposed, LB 299 expands unemployment insurance benefits to eligible aliens. Historically, up to 300 individuals per year were denied unemployment insurance benefits because of citizenship status. The Nebraska Department of Labor believes additional individuals in Nebraska may not have applied for unemployment insurance benefits because they knew they would not be eligible. Because the number is unknown, NDOL is estimating an additional 300 people would have received benefits each year going forward. The average weekly benefit amount for 2024 was \$451.45 and the average claim duration was approximately 12 weeks. The Nebraska Department of Labor anticipates it will pay out \$1,625,220 more ($\$451.45 * 12 * 300$) in unemployment insurance benefits each year. NDOL would need to implement business process changes but does not anticipate any technology costs.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems (NPERS)-085

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Teresa Zulauf Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/23/25 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-7745

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2025-26</u>		<u>FY 2026-27</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 299- Allow Eligible aliens to receive public benefits relating to employment.

No fiscal impact to NPERS Agency 085 operations expenditures.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2025-26 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2026-27 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>25-26</u>	<u>26-27</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____