

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
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.

LB36 would enact the Community College Gap Assistance (CCGA) Act and would create the Community College Gap Assistance (CCGA) Program and Community College Gap Assistance (CCGA) Program Fund.

The stated purpose of the CCGA Program is to provide funding to community colleges to award gap assistance (financial aid) to students in eligible programs as specified in the bill. Nebraska residents meeting specified income criteria would be eligible for gap assistance upon submitting an application to the community college in which the applicant is enrolled or intends to enroll, completing an initial assessment, and demonstrating capacity to achieve specified outcomes.

The CCGA Program Fund created by the bill is to be administered by the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee which exists under current law. Insofar that existing law specifies that the committee is to be chaired by the representative of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) appointed to the committee, it is assumed that effective responsibility for administration of the CCGA Program Fund would fall to CCPE. While LB36 creates the CCGA Program Fund, the bill specifies no source of revenue to accrue to the fund. As such, for purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed that the source of revenue to accrue to the fund would represent transfer of amounts from the General Fund to the CCGA Program Fund. Alternatively, direct appropriations from the General Fund to CCPE for purposes of the CCGA Program could be assumed. The bill limits the level of community college gap assistance (financial aid) to be awarded to \$1,500,000 per fiscal year. Given that this represents an upper limit, related funding would apparently be at the discretion of the Legislature. The bill authorizes community colleges to utilize varying specified proportions of amounts allocated for gap assistance to meet costs associated with administering the student aid.

LB36 would require that the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee (chaired by CCPE representative) develop a common gap assistance applicant tracking system to be implemented by each participating community college. The bill also requires the committee to coordinate oversight, evaluation, and reporting efforts for the CCGA Program. CCPE estimates costs associated with these responsibilities at \$50,900 for FY2015-16 and \$26,500 for FY2016-17.

These estimates include:

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Programming and web-site hosting costs associated with development of a web-based common applicant tracking system one-time 2015-16 costs and ongoing 2016-17 costs	30,000	5,000
.25 FTE to support Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee coordination, oversight, evaluation and reporting efforts for CCGA Program	<u>20,900</u>	<u>21,500</u>
	<u>50,900</u>	<u>26,500</u>

While not expressly provided in the bill, it would appear that related costs may not be subject to the \$1,500,000 limitation provided in Sec. 9 of LB36 and referenced above. Excluding one-time costs for development of a web-based applicant tracking system in 2015-16, these estimated support function costs represent less than 2% of the \$1,500,000 limitation and appear reasonable.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES			
LB: 36	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Metropolitan Community College	
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COMMENTS: Concur.			

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Metropolitan Community College

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</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:

No Fiscal Impact

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....			_____	_____
Operating.....			_____	_____
Travel.....			_____	_____
Capital outlay.....			_____	_____
Aid.....			_____	_____
Capital improvements.....			_____	_____
TOTAL.....			_____	_____

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	\$50,900		\$31,500	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$50,900</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$26,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

Sec. 10(1) requires the committee to develop a common applicant tracking system that will be implemented by each participating community college. Programming and hosting costs for a web-based application are estimated at \$30,000 for the first year. Ongoing maintenance and hosting costs are estimated at \$5,000 for the second and subsequent years.

Sec. 10(2) requires the committee to coordinate oversight, evaluation, and reporting efforts for the program. As chair of the committee and administrator of the program, these duties will most likely fall to the Commission whom will then report the results to the committee. These additional responsibilities would include reviewing of applicant files after the award process and funding accountability duties. The Commission estimates a .25 FTE position will be required to perform the oversight, evaluation, and reporting efforts for the program.

Sec. 9(3) appears to limit the committee's use of appropriated funding to establishing application and funding procedures, not development of an applicant tracking system or ongoing oversight of the program. Because of this interpretation, the Commission believes costs for the duties assigned in Sect. 10 will require a separate appropriation.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>		
Occupational Education Specialist	.25	.25	\$15,000	\$15,500
Benefits.....			\$5,900	\$6,000
Operating.....			\$30,000	\$5,000
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			<u>\$50,900</u>	<u>\$26,500</u>