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LB 340

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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				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

LB340 would include among the statutory powers and duties of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education a requirement that the Commission report findings of a study relating to the Nebraska community college system to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2009. Specific elements to be addressed by the study are:

- (a) The need for changes to the statutory role and mission of Nebraska community colleges.
- (b) Changes in the weighting of courses that may be necessary for reimbursable education units to properly reflect the role and mission of Nebraska community colleges and the cost of providing such courses.
- (c) Powers, duties, and mission of the Nebraska Community College Association or its successor and whether membership in such an association should be required.
- (d) Consequences for failing to satisfy current community college association membership requirements contained in section 85-1502.
- (e) State coordination of community colleges in the absence of a community college association or membership therein.

The Commission is to facilitate the study as well as discussion among the state's community colleges in completion of the study. The impact of LB340, specifically as it relates to the Coordinating Commission, depends on the comprehensiveness of the process that would be undertaken by the Commission in reviewing the individual elements to be addressed by the required study. Generally, it would appear that the required elements of the study could be addressed with existing staff resources of the Commission. Existing responsibilities of the agency would place some limitation on the level of personnel resources that could be directed to a focused review of LB340 subject matter. A more intensive review of the subject, particularly elements (a), (b) and (e), might be achieved if outside services were contracted to assist with the review. However, the extent of the related review would appear to be discretionary subject to resource availability. The Coordinating Commission indicates that it does have the capacity to perform a study of the elements identified in LB340. The Commission indicates that additional funding of \$25,000 could be beneficially utilized to contract outside services, particularly to assist with the topic of course weighting and a review of national patterns of community college governance. However, the Commission indicates that such funding would not be essential to completion of the study prescribed by LB340. Additional funding, if any, to accompany LB340 would ultimately be at the discretion of the Legislature.

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