

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Agency: Nebraska Department of Education  
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 Chapter: 24  
 Name: Regulations for Certificate Endorsements  
 Statement Status: Public Input Draft

Type of Fiscal Impact:

	State Agency	Political Subdivision	Regulated Public
No Fiscal Impact	X		
Increase Costs			
Decrease Costs			X
Increased Revenue			
Decreased Revenue			
Indeterminable		X	

Description of Impact:

**State Agency:** No fiscal impact is anticipated regarding the proposed revisions.

**Political Subdivision:** The ability for an educator preparation program to reduce the total required credit hours for endorsement programs by fifty (50) percent would reduce tuition and fee revenue generated by programs; however, institutions may see an increase in enrollment into programs, thus fiscal impact is indeterminable at this point.

**Regulated Public:** Current and prospective teachers would see a decrease in costs due to the potential reduction in credit hours for endorsement programs based on competency;

however, a specific amount of the decrease is indeterminable at this point in time. Reduction in costs related to eliminating content tests for those completing endorsement programs is estimated at \$325,000. Approximately 2,500 content tests are taken by Nebraska educators who are adding endorsements at a conservative cost estimate of \$130 per test.