

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1057

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER8192)

Introduced by Heidemann, 1.

1           1. Strike sections 2, 3, and 4 and all amendments thereto  
2 and insert the following new sections:

3           Sec. 2. The Republican River Basin Water Sustainability  
4 Task Force Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by  
5 the Department of Natural Resources and expended at the direction  
6 of the Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force.  
7 The fund shall consist of funds appropriated by the Legislature,  
8 money received as gifts, grants, and donations, and transfers  
9 authorized under section 46-2,137. Any money in the fund available  
10 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer  
11 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
12 State Funds Investment Act.

13           Sec. 3. Section 46-2,137, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
14 Nebraska, is amended to read:

15           46-2,137 The Water Policy Task Force Cash Fund is  
16 created. The fund shall be administered by the Department of  
17 Natural Resources and expended at the direction of the Water Policy  
18 Task Force. The fund shall consist of funds appropriated by the  
19 Legislature, money received as gifts, grants, and donations, and  
20 transfers authorized under sections 2-1579 and 66-1519. Any money  
21 in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
22 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act

1 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

2 On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer  
3 shall: (1) Transfer twenty-five thousand dollars from the Water  
4 Policy Task Force Cash Fund to the Republican River Basin Water  
5 Sustainability Task Force Cash Fund; and (2) transfer the remaining  
6 unexpected balance in the Water Policy Task Force Cash Fund to the  
7 Water Resources Trust Fund.

8 Sec. 4. Section 46-753, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
9 Nebraska, is amended to read:

10 46-753 (1) The Water Resources Trust Fund is created.  
11 The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund such money as is  
12 specifically appropriated thereto by the Legislature, transfers  
13 authorized under section 46-2,137, and such funds, fees, donations,  
14 gifts, or bequests received by the Department of Natural Resources  
15 from any federal, state, public, or private source for expenditure  
16 for the purposes described in the Nebraska Ground Water Management  
17 and Protection Act. Money in the fund shall not be subject to any  
18 fiscal-year limitation or lapse provision of unexpended balance at  
19 the end of any fiscal year or biennium. Any money in the fund  
20 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
21 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
22 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

23 (2) The fund shall be administered by the department.  
24 The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
25 regarding the allocation and expenditure of money from the fund.

26 (3) Money in the fund may be expended by the department  
27 for costs incurred by the department, by natural resources

1 districts, or by other political subdivisions in (a) determining  
2 whether river basins, subbasins, or reaches are fully appropriated  
3 in accordance with section 46-713, (b) developing or implementing  
4 integrated management plans for such fully appropriated river  
5 basins, subbasins, or reaches or for river basins, subbasins, or  
6 reaches designated as overappropriated in accordance with section  
7 46-713, (c) developing or implementing integrated management plans  
8 in river basins, subbasins, or reaches which have not yet become  
9 either fully appropriated or overappropriated, or (d) attaining  
10 state compliance with an interstate water compact or decree or  
11 other formal state contract or agreement.

12 (4) Except for funds paid to a political subdivision  
13 for forgoing or reducing its own water use or for implementing  
14 projects or programs intended to aid the state in complying with an  
15 interstate water compact or decree or other formal state contract  
16 or agreement, a political subdivision that receives funds from the  
17 fund shall provide, or cause to be provided, matching funds in  
18 an amount at least equal to twenty percent of the amount received  
19 from the fund by that natural resources district or political  
20 subdivision. The department shall monitor programs and activities  
21 funded by the fund to ensure that the required match is being  
22 provided.

23 Sec. 5. Original sections 46-2,137 and 46-753, Reissue  
24 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

25 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.