

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB 378

Chairperson: Senator Lavon Heidemann

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 378, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

The bill includes the following new fund or transfer items:

1. The State Treasurer is directed to make the following transfers:
 - a. Two separate transfers of \$200,000 from the Uniform Commercial Code Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund to help finance the Secretary of State's election administration operations;
 - b. Four separate transfers from the Education Innovation Fund to the State Department of Education Cash Fund to finance the development of a Virtual High School as well the integration of postsecondary institutions into a K-12 longitudinal data system;
 - c. Two separate transfers from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to continue the property tax relief provided by the state pursuant to the Property Tax Credit Act enacted in 2007;
 - d. Two separate transfers from the Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Financing Fund to the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund pursuant to section 77-5601;
 - e. Two separate transfers of \$50,000 from the Stem Cell Research Cash Fund to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund;
 - f. Two separate transfers of \$349,700 from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund;
 - g. Two separate transfers of \$2.7 million from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund as provided in section 61-218;
 - h. Two separate transfers from the General Fund to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund pursuant to section 66-1345.04 to help ensure that the funding obligations of the Ethanol Production Incentive Act are met through FY 2011-12;
 - i. A transfer of \$25 million from the General Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund for the University of Nebraska for two projects at the University's Innovation Campus.
 - j. Two separate transfers of \$200,000 from the Legal Aid and Services Fund to the Violence Prevention Cash Fund.

2. Nebraska Revised Statutes section 66-1345.04 is amended to harmonize language related to the transfers proposed for the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund.
3. Section 81-1120.22 and section 81-1120.23 are amended to change the funds into which the Division of Communications is to credit payments received for communication services. The Communications Cash Fund and the Telephone Expense Revolving Fund are terminated effective July 31,2011 and a new section is included to create the Communications Revolving Fund.
4. Two obsolete funds, the Department of Revenue Miscellaneous Services Revolving Fund and the Rural Development Cash Fund are terminated.

This legislative bill contains the emergency clause.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's budget recommendations may be found in the Executive Budget, 2011-2013 Biennium, which may be viewed on the Administrative Services State Budget Division's website at http://www.budget.ne.gov/das_budget/budget11/20112013.htm.

Principal Introducer: _____

Speaker Mike Flood, at the request of the Governor