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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 797**

Introduced by Nelson, 6; Ashford, 20; Avery, 28; Brasch, 16;  
Campbell, 25; Carlson, 38; Cook, 13; Davis, 43; Dubas,  
34; Gloor, 35; Haar, 21; Hadley, 37; Hansen, 42;  
Harms, 48; Harr, 8; Howard, 9; Johnson, 23; Karpisek,  
32; Kolowski, 31; Krist, 10; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26;  
Murante, 49; Scheer, 19; Schilz, 47; Seiler, 33;  
Smith, 14; Sullivan, 41; Wallman, 30; Watermeier, 1;  
Wightman, 36.

Read first time January 10, 2014

Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide funding for four  
2 fountains to be installed at the State Capitol; and to  
3 declare an emergency.  
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) A capitol commission was established in  
2 1919 with responsibility for the construction of Nebraska's third  
3 State Capitol. The capitol commission selected a design by Bertram  
4 Goodhue. Construction began in 1922. Bertram Goodhue's design called  
5 for the placement of a fountain in each of the four courtyards within  
6 the building. The fountains have not been installed. All other  
7 elements, as designed by Bertram Goodhue, have been completed. The  
8 Legislature finds that it is desirable that Nebraska complete  
9 construction of its State Capitol as it celebrates its one hundred  
10 fiftieth year as a state in 2017.

11           (2) The Complete the Capitol Fund is created. The fund  
12 shall consist of such amounts as may be transferred to the fund by  
13 the Legislature and any gifts, grants, bequests, or donations to the  
14 fund. Money in the fund shall be used solely for the construction,  
15 and placement of fountains, as designed by Bertram Goodhue, in the  
16 four courtyards of the State Capitol. Any money in the fund available  
17 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer  
18 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State  
19 Funds Investment Act.

20           Sec. 2. (1) On July 1, 2014, the State Treasurer shall  
21 transfer \$625,000 from the General Fund to the Complete the Capitol  
22 Fund to be used solely for the purposes described in section 1 of  
23 this act.

24           (2) On July 1, 2015, the State Treasurer shall transfer  
25 \$1,250,000 from the General Fund to the Complete the Capitol Fund to

1 be used solely for the purposes described in section 1 of this act.

2 (3) On July 1, 2016, the State Treasurer shall transfer  
3 \$625,000 from the General Fund to the Complete the Capitol Fund to be  
4 used solely for the purposes described in section 1 of this act.

5 Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$625,000 from  
6 the Complete the Capitol Fund for FY2014-15, (2) \$1,250,000 from the  
7 Complete the Capitol Fund for FY2015-16, and (3) \$625,000 from the  
8 Complete the Capitol Fund for FY2016-17 to the Office of the Nebraska  
9 Capitol Commission, to aid in carrying out the provisions of this  
10 legislative bill.

11 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
12 when passed and approved according to law.