

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB656**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 23, 2015  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Speaker Hadley  
**One Liner:** Provide for deficit appropriations

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 9 Senators Bolz, Haar, Hilkemann, Kintner, Kuehn, Mello, Nordquist, Stinner, Watermeier  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

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| <b>Proponents:</b><br>Gerry Oligmueller | <b>Representing:</b><br>Introducer - Governor's Office |
| <b>Opponents:</b>                       | <b>Representing:</b>                                   |
| <b>Neutral:</b>                         | <b>Representing:</b>                                   |

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

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

LB 656, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations. This bill makes adjustments to funding for state operations, aid and construction programs in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The appropriations will be used in programs where the forecasted cost has risen or decreased due to circumstances that were unforeseen when appropriation bills were passed two years ago and subsequently amended by the Legislature in 2014. This legislative bill contains the emergency clause.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendments become the bill. The amendments reflect the Appropriations Committee recommendations for adjustments for deficits in the current FY2014-15.

Please refer to "State of Nebraska FY 2015-16 and FY2016-17 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 104th Legislature, First Session," published April 2015, beginning on page 92, "Adjustment of Current Year Appropriations (Deficits)," for a detailed discussion of the Committee recommendation.

The amendment contains the emergency clause.

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Heath Mello, Chairperson