

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB327

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 21, 2017
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Scheer
One Liner: Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2019

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Bolz, Hilkemann, McDonnell, Stinner, Vargas, Wishart
Nay:	3	Senators Clements, Kuehn, Watermeier
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Gerry Oligmueller

Representing:
Introducer - Governor's Office

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Renee Fry
Anne Hindery
Nathan Leach

Representing:
OpenSky Policy Institute
Nonprofit Association of Midlands
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 327, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations. This bill is the mainline appropriations bill for the biennium that begins July 1, 2017, and ends on June 30, 2019. This measure includes the budget recommendations for all State operations and aid programs. The bill includes the appropriate transfers from cash funds to the General Fund, as well as between specified cash funds. Finally, it provides the necessary definitions for the proper administration of appropriations and personal service limitations. This legislative bill contains the emergency clause and becomes operative on July 1, 2017.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Appropriations Committee's recommendation for the bulk of appropriations to be made during the budget biennium for state operations and state aid. Statutorily authorized transfers among funds are made in conformance with budget requirements as are transfers from the General Fund.

Please refer to "State of Nebraska FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 105th Legislature, First Session" published April, 2017. Significant increases and reductions from the current year are listed on page 35. A narrative description of highlights of the recommendation begins on page 37 for state aid followed by operations beginning on page 53. Tabular data follows in additional sections, itemizing the recommendation by agency, aid program, and all fund sources. A narrative description of the recommendation by each state agency

begins on page 100.

The amendment contains an operative date of July 1, 2017, and has the emergency clause.

John Stinner, Chairperson