

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1009

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 29, 2020
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Scheer
One Liner: Provide for transfers of funds, repeal a fund, and change use of a fund

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 9 Senators Wishart, Vargas, Stinner, McDonnell, Erdman, Hilkemann, Dorn, Clements, Bolz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Gerry Oligmueller
Larry Dix

Representing:
State Budget Administrator
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Renee Fry

Representing:
Open Sky Policy Institute

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1009 is the Funds Transfer bill. In essence, the purpose of the bill is to enact transfers that are used to carry out actions contained in the Mainline Budget bill.

As introduced, LB 1009 transfers \$642,300 from the Secretary of State's Records Management Cash Fund to the Records Management Micrographics Services Revolving Fund on or after July 1, 2020 and before December 31, 2020. The introduced bill also allows for such transfers to take place. These provisions are found in sections 1 and 4, respectively.

Section 2 directs the State Treasurer to transfer \$175,000 from the Water Sustainability Fund to the Department of Natural Resources Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2020. That's in the current fiscal year. Another transfer of \$425,000 between the same funds is to take place on or before June 30, 2021.

Section 3 allows for grants to irrigation districts for reimbursing costs of temporary repairs to the main canal and tunnels of an interstate irrigation system that experienced a failure.

Section 5 is a repealer section.

Section 6 is the outright repeal of section 46-752. This is just eliminating the section of law that creates a fund for DEQ that is now defunct.

Section 7 is the E clause.

Explanation of amendments:

The original sections 1 and 4 are removed. Instead of making a Cash Fund to Revolving Fund transfer then appropriating from the Revolving Fund for the Secretary of State, the Appropriations Committee simply made the issue a direct Cash Fund appropriation.

Section 1 of the amendment is a transfer of \$3,800,000 from the General Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2020.

Section 2 of AM2738 includes the provisions of LB 826 (Hilkemann) by eliminating an annual transfer of \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gambler's Assistance Fund. Any money remaining in the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund is to be transferred to the General Fund and the Compulsive Gambler's Assistance Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

Section 3 strikes the limitation for the Department of Revenue to spend no more than the amount needed to fund a half time FTE from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund.

Section 4 mirrors the original section 3 which makes transfers from the Water Sustainability Fund to the Department of Natural Resources Cash Fund. An additional transfer of \$500,000 from the Water Sustainability Fund to the General Fund is to be made before June 30, 2021.

Section 5 is the original section 3, which allows for grants to irrigation districts.

Section 6 is the repealer section.

Section 7 is the outright repeal of section 46-752.

Section 8 is the E clause.

John Stinner, Chairperson