

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB294**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 26, 2019  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Speaker Scheer  
**One Liner:** Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2021

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

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**Vote Results:**

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| <b>Aye:</b>                | 7 | Senators Bolz, Dorn, Hilkemann, McDonnell, Stinner, Vargas, Wishart |
| <b>Nay:</b>                | 2 | Senators Clements, Erdman   |
| <b>Absent:</b>             |   |   |
| <b>Present Not Voting:</b> |   |   |

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Gerry Oligmueller

**Representing:**

Introducer - Governor's Office

**Opponents:**

Danielle Conrad

**Representing:**

American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 294, 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, 2019, and ends on June 30, 2021. 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, 2019.

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**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 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 106th Legislature, First Session" published May, 2019. Significant increases and reductions from the current year are listed on page 32. A narrative description of highlights of the recommendation begins on page 34 for state aid followed by operations beginning on page 49. 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 97.

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The committee amendment incorporates provisions of the following bills. For detail on their fiscal impact and the agency affected please refer to page 4 of the Biennial Budget report referenced above:

LB 129 - Appropriate funds, feasibility study of Missouri River Bridge in Omaha. (Introducer - Sen. Wayne; Proponent - None; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 174 - Intent, increase appropriations for the Office of Violence Prevention. (Introducer - Sen. Bolz; Proponent - Lincoln Police Dept., Charity Evans, Boys Town, Raquel Salinas, Flopateer Habib, You Turn; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 199 - Appropriate funds, court appointed special advocate state aid. (Introducer - Sen. Wishart; Proponent - NE CASA Assoc., Plains West CASA, CASA for Lancaster Co.; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 292 - Appropriate funds, Nebr. Information Technology Initiative. (Introducer - Sen. Vargas; Proponent - Microsoft; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 327 - Intent to increase appropriation, behavioral health provider rate increase. (Introducer - Sen. Bolz; Proponent - NE Assoc. of Behavioral Health Org., Neb. Supreme Court, Lancaster Co. and NABHO, NABHO and Goodwill Industries of Greater Neb., Lincoln Police, Neb. Nurse Practitioners, NE Assoc. of Regional Administrators, Neb. Hospital Association, Children and Family Coalition of Neb.; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 403 - Consider appropriation not inflation factor, calculating Medicaid nursing rates. (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Neb. Health Care Association, Leading Age Nebraska; Opponent - NE DHHS-Medicaid/Long Term Care; Neutral - None)

LB 404 - State intent, Medicaid budget in three separate programs. (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Neb. Health Care Association, Leading Age Nebraska; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 678 - Volkswagen Settlement Cash Fund, duties for DEQ. (Introducer - Sen. Vargas; Proponent - Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Sierra Club, IBEW Local 1483; Opponent - Neb. Dept. of Environmental Quality; Neutral - Neb. Community Energy Alliance)

The amendment contains an operative date of July 1, 2019, and has the emergency clause.

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John Stinner, Chairperson