

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB927

Hearing Date: Monday February 24, 2020
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Business and Labor
One Liner: Provide for payment of claims against the state

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Crawford, Halloran, Hansen, B., Hansen, M., Lathrop, Slama
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Tom Green
Allen Simpson

Ryan Post
John Albin
Teresa Zulauf
David McManaman
Dale Shotkoski
Lyn Heaton
Carol Averson
Chris Peters
Regina Shields
Ken Lackey
Jill Schroeder

Representing:

Legal Counsel, Business and Labor
Department of Administrative Service Risk Management

Attorney General's Office
Nebraska Department of Labor
Nebraska Public Employers Retirement System
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles
Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The Business and Labor Committee is statutorily required to introduce the claims bills. The claims are submitted to the State Risk Manager through the Attorney General's office. Agencies submit their own individual write-offs as well.

Section-by-Section Summary:

Section 1: Contains one tort claim.

Section 2: Contains two workers' compensation claims.

Section 3: Authorize and directs the Director of Administrative Services to draw upon the funds in this act in order to pay out the claims.

Section 4: Contains agency write-offs from the following agencies: Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System; Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Veterans' Affairs; Department of Transportation; Nebraska State Patrol; Department of Labor; Game and Parks Commission; State Fire Marshal; Department of Motor Vehicles; and the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court.

Section 5: Emergency Clause

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2822 adds the following new claims that were settled after the public hearing:

\$850,000 Tort Claim 2018-18149 and 2018-18150

Arose out of the escape of two inmate on June 10, 2016 where Plaintiffs were attacked in their apartment.

\$90,000 Tort Claim 2016-15375

Arose out of a motor vehicle accident involving an employee of the Department of Corrections.

\$25,000 for a workers compensation claim to Michael Morgan

Department of Transportation Employee; injured his hands raking asphalt

The Amendment also makes adjustments to several agency write-offs.

Dept of Veteran's Affairs change from \$113,813.12 to \$110,998.88

Dept of Labor change from \$63,386,644.68 to \$63,342,441.64

Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court from \$4.00 to \$3.00

Matt Hansen, M., Chairperson