

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB380

Hearing Date: Friday February 05, 2021
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Hilgers
One Liner: Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2023

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

Vote Results:

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

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Lee Will
Jon Cannon

Representing:

State Budget Administrator
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Craig Beck

Representing:

OpenSky Policy Institute

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 380, 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, 2021, and ends on June 30, 2023. 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, 2021.

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 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 107th Legislature, First Session" published April, 2021. Significant increases and reductions from the current

year are listed on page 37. A narrative description of highlights of the recommendation begins on page 39 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 98.

The committee amendment incorporates provisions of the following bills. For detail on their fiscal impact and the agency affected please refer to page 5 of the Biennial Budget report referenced above:

LB 27 - Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society for historic preservation (Introducer - Sen. Wayne; Proponent - None; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 141 - Appropriate funds to the Nebraska Arts Council aid Museum of Nebraska Art project (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Galen Hadley, & Nicole Herden, & Marilyn Hadley: Museum of Nebraska Art, Stan Clouse: City of Kearney; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 192 - Appropriate funds to the Crime Commission for law enforcement training and certification (Introducer - Sen. Wishart; Proponent - Jim Maguire: Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police, Lynn Rex: League of Nebraska Municipalities, Jon Cannon: Nebraska Association of County Officials; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 208 - Appropriate funds to DED for development districts (Introducer - Sen. McDonnell; Proponent - Tom Bliss: Nebraska Requal Officials Council, Dan Mauk: Nebraska City Economic Development; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 264 - Appropriate funds for cultural districts created by the Nebraska Arts Council (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Suzzane Wise: Arts Council, Bill Stepham: Lied Center, Jamie Ulmer: Beatrice Community Players, Eric Gerrard: City of Lincoln, Steven Barth: Kearney Cultural Partners & Crane River Theater, Skyler Dykes: Nebraskans for the Arts, Camdyn Kavan: Open Sky Policy Institute; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 342 - Appropriate funds to NDE for Early Childhood Education programs (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Elizabeth Everett: First Five Nebraska, Karen Pinkelman: Nebraska Children, Matt Belka: NASB, Julie Erickson: Nebraska Child Health & Education Alliance, Jason Hayes: NSEA; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 391 - Transfer funds to the Customized Job Training Cash Fund (Introducer - Sen. Bostar; Proponent - Kristen Hassebrook: Nebraska Chamber/Greater Omaha/Lincoln, Craig Beck: OpenSky Policy Institute; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 421 - Appropriate funds to DHHS for repayment of qualified educational debt for health professionals (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Marty Fattig: Nemaha County Hospital/NE Hospital Assoc., Amy Behnke: Health Center Association of Nebraska; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 426 - Cost analysis of improvement and structural changes - YRTC Kearney (Introducer - Sen. Arch - Health and Human Services Committee; Proponent - Jennifer Carter: Inspector General of Child Welfare, Jason Hayes: NSEA; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 449 - Appropriate funds to DEE for energy efficiency audits (Introducer - Sen. Wishart; Proponent - Britton Gabel: Omaha Public Power District, Tracie McPherson: Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Ashley Frevert: Community Action of Nebraska; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 469 - Appropriate funds to Game and Parks for wildlife damage reimbursement (Introducer - Sen. Erdman; Proponent - None; Opponent - James Douglas: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Scott Smathers: Nebraska Sportsmen's

Foundation; Neutral - None)

LB 493 - Appropriate funds to DHHS for the developmental disability waiting list (Introducer - Sen. Cavanaugh, M.; Proponent - Edison McDonald: The Arc of Nebraska, Denise Gehringer, Jenny Koley, Harriott Placek, Anne Constantino: Childrens Respite Care Center, Kristen Larsen: Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities, Brad Meurrens: Disability Rights Nebraska, Amber Bogle: Children & Family Coalition of Nebraska; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 526 - Appropriate funds to DED for Business Innovation Act grants (Introducer - Sen. Wishart; Proponent - Richard Baier: Invest Nebraska Corporation, John Hladik Center for Rural Affairs, Jim Reiff: Nebraska Enterprise Fund/Econ. Dev. Assoc., Tyler Martin: Adjuvance Technologies, Craig Beck: OpenSky Policy Institute, Kirk Zeller: Silicon Prairies Center, Kristen Hassebrook: Nebraska Chamber/Greater Omaha/Lincoln; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 585 - Appropriate funds to DHHS for local public health departments (Introducer - Sen. Vargas; Proponent - Pat Lopez: Friends of Public Health, Roger Reamer:4 Corners Helath Department, Gina Uning: Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, Adi Pour: Douglas County Health Department, Jon Cannon: Nebraska Association of County Officials; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 646 - Change the maximum amount for Nebraska Career Scholarships for attendees at state colleges (Introducer - Sen. Flood; Proponent - Angie Stenger: Growing Together Northeast Nebraska, Austin Pierce: Nebraska Resident; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 662 - Appropriate funds to DHHS for domestic violence program (Introducer - Sen. McDonnell; Proponent - Lynne Lange: Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence, Carmen Hinman: Hope Crisis Center; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 671 - Appropriate funds to Department of Agriculture for Nebraska AgrAbility program (Introducer - Sen. Murman; Proponent - Rodney Peterson: Nebraska AgrAbility, Emily Freudenburg: Nebraska AgrAbility, Eric Beckman, William Meyer, Tanya Meyer: Nebraska AgrAbility, Aaron Bock: Nebraska AgrAbility, Eugene Bock: Nebraska AgrAbility, Jay Ferris: Nebraska Farm Bureau, Aaron Yoder; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

John Stinner, Chairperson