

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB384

Hearing Date: Friday February 05, 2021
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Hilgers
One Liner: Provide for transfers of funds and change permitted use of a fund

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

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

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Lee Will
David Geier

Representing:

State Budget Administrator
Commission on Problem Gambling

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1 and 2 transfer \$272 million from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund on or before December 15, 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Section 3 and 4 transfer \$11 million from the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund on or before June 30, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Section 5 and 6 transfer \$3.3 million from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Section 7 and 8, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 82-331, transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Cultural Endowment Fund on December 31, 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Section 9 transfers the balance of the University Building Renewal Assessment Fund to the General Fund on or before December 31, 2021.

Section 10 transfers the balance of the State College Building Renewal Assessment Fund to the General Fund on or before

December 31, 2021.

Section 11 transfers \$475,000 from the Water Sustainability Fund to the Department of Natural Resources Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2022 and \$475,000 on or before June 30, 2023.

Section 12 amends provisions related to the Rural Broadband Task Force to provide that money in the fund can be used to provide for a state broadband coordinator.

Section 13 is the repealer section.

Section 14 is the Emergency Clause.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment becomes the bill. Original sections 1 to 6, relating to transfers from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Fund, the Water Sustainability Fund, and the Water Resources Cash Fund, are now contained in the committee amendment to LB 380, which is the mainline budget bill.

Section 1 and 2, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 82-331, transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Cultural Endowment Fund on December 31, 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Section 3 transfers the balance of the University Building Renewal Assessment Fund to the General Fund on or before December 31, 2021.

Section 4 transfers the balance of the State College Building Renewal Assessment Fund to the General Fund on or before December 31, 2021.

Section 5 and 6 transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Hall of Fame Trust Fund on or before July 15, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Section 7 amends provisions related to charitable gaming to provide for quarterly transfers of \$100,000 from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund for FY2022-2023.

Section 8 includes weatherization and other energy improvements as an authorized activity eligible for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Section 9 transfers \$475,000 from the Water Sustainability Fund to the Department of Natural Resources Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2022 and \$475,000 on or before June 30, 2023.

Section 10 includes landlord risk mitigation payments as housing-related assistance authorized from the Behavioral Health Services Fund.

Section 11 amends provisions related to the Health Care Cash Fund to change the amount of the annual transfer from the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund and the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund to the Health Care Cash Fund from \$61.1 million per year to \$51 million per year, beginning on July 15, 2021.

Section 12 amends provisions related to the Hall of Fame Trust Fund to include intent to transfer \$10,000 annually from the General Fund, beginning in FY2021-22.

Section 13 amends provisions related to the Nebraska Film Office Fund to authorize grants for Nebraska-based films and

allow the Department of Economic Development to review applications for grant funds.

Section 14 amends provisions related to the Nebraska Cultural Endowment Fund to provide for transfers of an amount not to exceed \$1 million annually from the General Fund, beginning on December 31, 2021.

Section 15 to 22 amend provisions related to the University of Nebraska Facilities Program and the State Colleges Facilities Program to extend existing appropriations and include intent to increase appropriations to the University by \$2.5 million per year.

Section 23 amends provisions related to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund to provide for an annual transfer of \$300,000 from earnings in the fund to the 211 Cash Fund, beginning July 1, 2021.

Section 24 is a technical change related to the outright repeal of certain sections.

Section 25 amends provisions related to the Rural Broadband Task Force to provide that money in the fund can be used to provide for a state broadband coordinator.

Section 26 creates the United States Command Headquarters Assistance Fund, administered by the Adjutant General of the State of Nebraska. The fund shall be used to contribute to the construction of the U.S. Space Command headquarters if Nebraska is selected as the site.

Section 27 is the repealer section.

Section 28 outright repeals section 85-412, 85-413, 85-414, 85-416, 85-417, and 85-418.

Section 29 is the Emergency Clause.

The following bills are incorporated into the amendment:

LB 42 - Provide for transfers to the Hall of Fame Trust Fund (Introducer - Sen. Dorn; Proponent - Ron Hull: Hall of Fame Commission, Timothy Heller: Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission ; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 142 - Change provisions relating to General Fund transfers to the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Suzanne Wise: Arts Council, Bob Nefsky: Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Chris Sommerich: Humanities Nebraska, Kyle Cartwright: Nebraska Cultural Endowment; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 279 - Authorize certain activities that are eligible for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Introducer - Sen. Bostar; Proponent - Eric Gerrard: City of Lincoln, Justin Brady: HomeBuilders Assoc. of Lincoln/Metro Omaha; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 465 - Change provisions relating to the Behavioral Health Services Fund (Introducer - Sen. Bostar; Proponent - C.J. Johnson: Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators, Maggie Peavy: Center Pointe; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

LB 588 - Change, rename, and eliminate provisions of the University of Nebraska facilities programs and the state college facilities program (Introducer - Sen. Stinner; Proponent - Ted Carter: University of Nebraska, Bob Phares: University of Nebraska, Veronica Miller: University of Nebraska, Paul Turman: Nebraska State College System, Bryan Slone: Nebraska Chamber; Opponent - None; Neutral - None)

John Stinner, Chairperson