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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1063

Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the Department of Labor; and to declare an emergency.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000 from Federal
2 Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Labor for the purposes described
3 in subsection (2) of this section. The Federal Funds appropriated in this
4 section are from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the
5 federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal
6 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec.
7 9901.

8 (2) The Department of Labor shall use the funds appropriated in this
9 section for the following purposes:

10 (a) Increasing the number of apprentices through the registered
11 apprenticeship system administered by the Department of Labor. The
12 Department of Labor shall focus on those individuals who became
13 unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
14 and

15 (b) Providing premium pay to existing apprentices who are registered
16 with the registered apprenticeship system. Such premium pay shall only be
17 provided to those individuals eligible for premium pay pursuant to the
18 federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Those individuals eligible for
19 premium pay pursuant to this subdivision may include workers in health
20 care and infrastructure projects. The Department of Labor shall determine
21 which apprentices receive premium pay and administer funding to such
22 apprentices under this section.

23 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
24 passed and approved according to law.