

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB2

Hearing Date: Tuesday July 30, 2024
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Clements
One Liner: Provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operations of state government

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Clements, Dorn, Armendariz, McDonnell, Lippincott, Dover, Erdman
Nay:	1	Senator Vargas
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Wishart

Testimony:

Proponents:

Lee Will
Kristen Cox
Jason Walters
James Kamm
Doug Hohbein
Steve Corsi
Tony Green
Bryan Tuma

Opponents:

Bob Evnen
Heidi Ore
Machaela Cavanaugh
Chris Kratochvil
Juliane Strauss- Soukup
Ryan McCreery
Joann B. Sweasy
Andy Hale
Heath Mello
Micheal Dwyer
Jerry Stillmock
Justin Hubly
Annette Dubas

Laura McDougall

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Epiphany Associates
Nebraska State Treasurer's Office
Department of Revenue
State Fire Marshal
Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Crime Commission

Representing:

Secretary of State
Foster Care Review Office
Legislative District 6
University of Nebraska
Creighton University
Boystown
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Nebraska Hospital Association
Greater Omaha Chamber
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighter Association
NAPE, APSCME Local 61
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors



Rachel Gibson
Brian Thompson

Erin Feichtinger
Tip O'Neil
Lash Chaffin
Alana Schriver
Ken Smith
Juliet Summers
Joey Adler Ruane
Edison McDonald
Elaine Menzel
Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek
Korby Gilbertson*

Neutral:

Ray Aguilar
Brandon Metzler
Dan Watermeier
Timothy McCoy
Rob Jefferys
Rob Holz

Self
Nebraska Telecommunications Association,
Consolidated Companies, Inc.
Women's Fund of Omaha
Nebraska Telecommunications Association
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Nebraska Association of Service Providers
Nebraska Appleseed
Voices for Children in Nebraska
OpenSky Policy Institute
The Arc of Nebraska
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Self
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady

Representing:

Executive Board of the Legislative Council
Clerk of the Legislature
Public Service Commission
Nebraska Game and Parks
Nebraska Department of Corrections
Tax Equalization and Review Commission

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 2, introduced by Senator Clements at the request of the Governor, makes adjustments to appropriations for the biennium that begins July 1, 2023, and ends on June 30, 2025. The bill makes adjustments to appropriations and reappropriations for state operations, aid, and construction programs, and modifies intent language and earmarks accompanying appropriations approved by the 108th Legislature, First and Second Session, for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the next fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. This legislative bill contains the emergency clause.

The bill lapses \$116,695,500 unexpended and reappropriated General Funds for FY2023-24 and \$6,500,000 unexpended and reappropriated Cash Funds for FY2023-24 from budget programs in state agencies. The bill changes FY2024-25 new appropriations amounts for budget programs in state agencies, resulting in a reduction of \$82,978,608 General Funds and an increase of \$14,111,601 Cash Funds and \$360,567 Revolving Funds.

For a full listing of lapses and appropriations changes in the introduced bill by agency and program, please refer to the fiscal note published on the introduced bill.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment, AM39, becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Appropriations Committee's adjustments to appropriations and reappropriations for state operations, aid, and construction programs, approved by the 108th Legislature, First and Second Session, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

As amended, the bill lapses \$75,685,500 unexpended and reappropriated General Funds for FY2023-24 and \$6,500,000 unexpended and reappropriated Cash Funds for FY2023-24, from the following agency budgets:



Legislative Council, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Department of Revenue, Department of Agriculture, State Fire Marshal, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Natural Resources, Military Department, Game and Parks Commission, Department of Correctional Services, State Historical Society, Oil and Gas Commission, State Patrol, Department of Administrative Services, Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

As amended, the bill changes FY2024-25 new appropriations amounts, resulting in a reduction of \$41,461,007 General Funds and an increase of \$360,567 Revolving Funds for budget programs in the following agencies: Treasurer, Department of Revenue, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Natural Resources, Military Department, Department of Correctional Services, Oil and Gas Commission, Department of Administrative Services, and the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Robert Clements, Chairperson

