

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1062**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

Read first time January 17, 2018

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state findings and
- 2 intent relating to appropriations for the Tobacco Prevention and
- 3 Control Program.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

2           (1) Nebraska's comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control Program  
3 has made great strides in reducing tobacco use among youth and adults  
4 while offering support for cessation efforts;

5           (2) Tobacco usage continues to put a strain on Nebraska's economy  
6 through tobacco-related productivity losses, health care costs, and the  
7 death of approximately two thousand five hundred Nebraskans each year;

8           (3) Comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs are a  
9 proven method of preventing youth from starting to use tobacco and in  
10 helping adults to stop tobacco use through cessation efforts;

11           (4) According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and  
12 Prevention, investment of resources in tobacco and prevention control  
13 programs should focus on: (a) State and community interventions with  
14 multiple social resources working together; (b) mass-reach health  
15 communications interventions, including media interventions; (c)  
16 cessation interventions, including tobacco use treatment; (d)  
17 surveillance and evaluation, including accountability and demonstrable  
18 efficacy; and (e) infrastructure, administration, and management,  
19 including experienced staff to provide fiscal management, accountability,  
20 and coordination; and

21           (5) Investing in tobacco prevention and control programs saves  
22 health care dollars in the long-term and saves lives.

23           Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to include in the  
24 appropriation to Agency No. 25, Program No. 30, for FY2018-19 an  
25 additional two million four hundred thousand dollars for the Tobacco  
26 Prevention and Control Program from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.