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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1138

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

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Committee:

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

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$16,000,000 from
2 Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human
3 Services, for Program 502, for the purposes described in subsection (2)
4 of this section. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from
5 the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus
6 State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan
7 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall distribute the
9 funds appropriated in this section to local public health departments in
10 the following manner:

11 (a) \$10,000,000 distributed evenly to local public health
12 departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs,
13 including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive
14 measures, to combat the COVID-19 virus and any of its mutations; and

15 (b) \$6,000,000 distributed proportionately to local public health
16 departments based on the number of individuals employed at each local
17 public health department for premium pay to such individuals.

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