

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1160**

Introduced by Wishart, 27.

Read first time January 19, 2022

Committee:

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

1           Section 1.   (1) There is hereby appropriated \$10,000,000 from  
2 Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Environment and Energy  
3 for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. The Federal  
4 Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the  
5 State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
6 pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law  
7 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8           (2)(a) The Department of Environment and Energy shall provide grants  
9 for small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems in  
10 community water systems where drinking water test levels are above ten  
11 parts per million of nitrate and, if appropriate, provide grant funds for  
12 use to install reverse osmosis systems if test levels for nitrate in  
13 drinking water pumped from private wells are above ten parts per million.

14           (b) Any grant awarded pursuant to this section shall be coordinated  
15 and administered by the Department of Environment and Energy in  
16 compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

17           (c) The recipient of a grant pursuant to this section shall only  
18 spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
19 of 2021.

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