LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 614

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

Read first time January 17, 2023

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds from
- 2 the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture to test emerging
- 3 technologies for sustainable irrigation; and to declare an
- 4 emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000 from the General
- 2 Fund for FY2023-24 to the Department of Agriculture, Program 564, for the
- 3 purpose of providing a dollar-for-dollar private sector match to fund a
- 4 pilot program to test emerging technologies for sustainable irrigation.
- 5 It is the intent of the Legislature for the department to work with
- 6 <u>experts in water research at the University of Nebraska to design the</u>
- 7 pilot program and include Nebraska-based businesses that specialize in
- 8 <u>advancing agricultural productivity.</u>
- 9 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 10 passed and approved according to law.