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SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 904

Introduced by Dorn, 30.

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Committee:

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

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

2 (a) The COVID-19 public health emergency fundamentally changed how
3 the University of Nebraska operates and highlighted the need to support
4 students and future workers to emerge from the COVID-19 public health
5 emergency with the education and skills required to fill occupations that
6 are in high demand; and

7 (b) It is the policy of this state to respond to harmful economic
8 disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency by
9 promoting job skills training and developing the workforce infrastructure
10 by increasing (i) opportunities for academic programs across Nebraska,
11 (ii) research infrastructure and capacity for University of Nebraska
12 students and faculty, and (iii) employment opportunities for high-skilled
13 graduates and researchers in Nebraska.

14 (2) There is hereby appropriated \$50,000,000 from Federal Funds for
15 FY2022-23 to the University of Nebraska for the intended purpose of
16 establishing an Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, and Holland
17 Computer Center facility at the Nebraska Innovation Campus. The Federal
18 Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the
19 State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund
20 pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law
21 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

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