

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB906

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2014

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 906, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's mid-biennial budget recommendations.

The bill includes the following items:

The State Treasurer is directed to transfer \$6,800,000 from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, specifically the False Medicaid Claims Act sub-fund, to the General Fund on or before July 15, 2014, on such date as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

1. The Republican River Compact Litigation Contingency Cash Fund is created and is to be used by the State Treasurer to make payments in an amount up to \$5,500,000 in accordance with any order of the U.S. Supreme Court pursuant to *Kansas v. Nebraska*, No. 126 Original.
2. The State Treasurer is directed to transfer up to \$5,500,000 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Republican River Compact Litigation Contingency Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2015, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
3. The bill outright repeals the obsolete Water Contingency Cash Fund and related sections and amends sections 2-3225 and 2-3226.05 to harmonize them with the repeal.

This legislative bill contains the emergency clause.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's budget recommendations can be found in the document entitled "Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustments, 2013-2015 Biennium" dated January 15, 2014, and may be viewed on the Administrative Services – State Budget Division's website at <http://www.budget.ne.gov>.

Principal Introducer: _____

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