

## Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007 Committee Statement LB 420

**Hearing Date:** March 12, 2007 **Committee On:** Appropriations

Introducer(s): (Erdman)

**Title:** Change cigarette tax distribution and create funds

## **Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

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**Indefinitely Postponed** 

## Vote Results:

9 Yes Senators Heidemann, Engel, Fulton, Nelson, Harms, Nantkes,

Wightman, Synowiecki and Kruse

0 No

0 Present, not voting

0 Absent

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Philip Erdman Introducer

Pete McClymont Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:Representing:Steve HubkaCity of LincolnJack ChelohaCity of Omaha

Gary Krumland League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Neutral:** Representing:

Gary Cunningham University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture

and Natural Resources

## **Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

**Explanation of amendments, if any:** The Appropriations Committee amendment (AM890) to LB 420 would accomplish the following:

Section 1: Creates the Storm Water Management Plan Program Cash Fund, details how the fund could be used by the Department of Environmental Quality, and provides that the fund would receive money pursuant to section 77-2602.

Section 2: Creates the Water Resources Cash Fund, details how the fund may be used by the Department of Natural Resources and provides that the fund would receive money pursuant to section 77-2602.

Section 3: Creates the Agricultural Research Cash Fund, details how the fund may be used by the Department of Agriculture and provides that the fund would receive money pursuant to section 77-2602.

Section 4: Amends section 77-2602 to raise the cigarette tax to 70 cents, and beginning July 1, 2007, earmarks the equivalent of three cents of such tax for the Water Resources Cash Fund, earmarks the equivalent of two cents of such tax for the Storm Water Management Plan Program Cash Fund, and earmarks the equivalent of one cent of such tax for the Agricultural Research Cash Fund.

Section 5: Establishes a July 1, 2007 effective date for the act.

Section 6: Repealer section.

Section 7: Adds emergency clause.

Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson