

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB953**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 16, 2012  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Fulton  
**One Liner:** Create state fleet card programs and a fund

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Seiler, Sullivan, Wallman

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Tony Fulton  
Don Stenberg

**Representing:**

Introducer  
State Treasurer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 953 creates state fleet card programs. The programs will be administered separately by the University of Nebraska and by the Department of Roads. The Department of Roads will administer the program on behalf of state government, other than the University of Nebraska. Any state official, agency or political subdivision may use the state fleet card for and on behalf of the State of Nebraska.

Rules and regulations may be adopted and promulgated as needed for the operation of the state fleet card programs.

The State Treasurer will determine the type of fleet card or cards utilized in the program as well as contract with financial institutions capable of operating a fleet card program on behalf of the state.

The bill defines fleet card as a payment card used for gasoline, diesel and other fuels. The cards may also be used to pay for vehicle maintenance and expenses.

Vendors accepting a state fleet card will obtain authorization for all transactions in accordance with instructions from the program administrator.

The State Fleet Card Distributive Fund is created. All rebates received by the state from the program will be credited to the fund. The rebates will be distributed by the State Treasurer to the agencies and political subdivisions based on volume spent and contract terms.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment makes several clarifying amendments to the bill.

The amendment clarifies that the Department of Roads and the University of Nebraska may adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the state fleet programs. It also clarifies the Department of Roads and the University of Nebraska will each designate a program administrator.

The amendment provides the state fleet card may be used for equipment maintenance, in addition to fuel purchases and vehicle maintenance.

Finally, the amendment adds an emergency clause to the bill.

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Bill Avery, Chairperson