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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1062

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state findings and
- 2 intent relating to appropriations for the Tobacco Prevention and
- 3 Control Program.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

2 (1) Nebraska's comprehensive Tobacco Prevention and Control Program
3 has made great strides in reducing tobacco use among youth and adults
4 while offering support for cessation efforts;

5 (2) Tobacco usage continues to put a strain on Nebraska's economy
6 through tobacco-related productivity losses, health care costs, and the
7 death of approximately two thousand five hundred Nebraskans each year;

8 (3) Comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs are a
9 proven method of preventing youth from starting to use tobacco and in
10 helping adults to stop tobacco use through cessation efforts;

11 (4) According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention, investment of resources in tobacco and prevention control
13 programs should focus on: (a) State and community interventions with
14 multiple social resources working together; (b) mass-reach health
15 communications interventions, including media interventions; (c)
16 cessation interventions, including tobacco use treatment; (d)
17 surveillance and evaluation, including accountability and demonstrable
18 efficacy; and (e) infrastructure, administration, and management,
19 including experienced staff to provide fiscal management, accountability,
20 and coordination; and

21 (5) Investing in tobacco prevention and control programs saves
22 health care dollars in the long-term and saves lives.

23 Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to include in the
24 appropriation to Agency No. 25, Program No. 30, for FY2018-19 an
25 additional two million four hundred thousand dollars for the Tobacco
26 Prevention and Control Program from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.