

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1024**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 01, 2022  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Adopt the North Omaha Recovery Act and state intent regarding appropriation of federal funds

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Arch, Blood, Briese, Hansen, M., Hunt, Wayne
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Lowe
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Senator Terrell McKinney  
Chris Rodgers  
Todd Schmaderer  
Osie V. Combs Jr.  
Mark Norman  
Anthony L Conner  
Kenny McMorris  
  
Paul Feilmann  
Reverend Portia Cavitt  
Raheem Sanders  
T Michael Williams  
Bob Hallstrom  
Cydney Franklin  
Carmen Tapio  
Amanda Brewer  
Sherman Wells  
Dr. Ralph Lassiter  
J Shannon  
Michael Maroney  
Willie Barney  
Shannon Snow  
Candice Price  
Teresa Hunter

**Representing:**

Legislative District 13  
Legislative District 11  
Self  
Omaha Police  
Pacific Engineering Inc.  
Greater Omaha Chamber  
Omaha Police Association  
Charles Drew Health Center Inc. Health Center Association of Nebraska  
Self  
Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance  
PPRP Innovations  
NAACP Omaha  
Nebraska Bankers Association  
75 North Revitalization Corporation  
North End Teleservices  
Habitat for Humanity  
U.N.T.A.M.E.D.  
North 24th street  
Malcom X Birth Site Development  
Omaha Economic Development Corporation  
Empower Network  
Omaha Municipal Land Bank  
Home Team Auto Sales / Sapphire Grill  
Family Housing Advisory Services / Omaha 100 Incorporated

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Jermaine Jones  
Tammy Green  
Scott Henderson  
Yolanda Barney  
Leo J Louis  
Randy J. Goodwin  
Jamie Vesay  
Tim Clark  
Dwayne Hawkins  
Jamie Berglund  
Stan Odenthal  
Senator Tony Vargas  
Teresa Negrón  
Alfonso Vaca-Lubischer  
Marlon Okereke  
Willie Barney

Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands  
Metropolitan Community College  
N Motion / Generator  
Revive Omaha  
Malcom X Memorial Foundation  
Self  
Self  
Self  
New Era Baptist State Convention of Nebraska, Inc.  
Spark  
Heartland Workforce Solutions  
Legislative District 7  
Your Turn  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Omaha International Soccer League  
Empower Network

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Erin Feichtinger  
Eric Gerrard

**Representing:**

Together  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

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

LB 1024 would adopt the North Omaha Recovery Act. Under the Act, the Legislature would appropriate \$450 million in federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to provide grant funding to public and private entities to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impacts within federally qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of cities of the metropolitan class.

Federal funds under the North Omaha Recovery Act would be managed by the North Omaha Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature, and all grants must meet the eligible uses under ARPA and any relevant guidance on the use of such funds by the United States Department of the Treasury. Grants will be targeted towards one of four categories: Housing and Homelessness, Community and Small Business Recovery, Community Well-Being, and Community Assistance and Programming.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1920 is a white-copy amendment that replaces the bill.

AM 1920 adopts the Economic Recovery Act. Under the Act, the Legislature would appropriate \$450 million in federal funds under ARPA to the Department of Economic Development (DED). Funds would be directed and prioritized toward the economic recovery of communities within qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of cities of the metropolitan class that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and related challenges, with an emphasis on housing needs, job training, and business development within such communities.

Federal funds would be administered by the new Economic Recovery Division of DED, which would develop a coordinated plan for the use of funds with the assistance of an Economic Recovery Advisory Committee. Members of the Economic Recovery Advisory Committee would be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature, and two members of the Legislature representing legislative districts containing one or more qualified census tracts located within the

boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class would serve as non-voting, ex officio members of the committee.

All grants awarded by DED under the Economic Recovery Act must meet the eligible uses under ARPA and any relevant guidance on the use of such funds by the United States Department of the Treasury.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson