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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1083

FINAL READING

Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Hansen, B., 16, Chairperson; Blood, 3; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lathrop, 12.

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Committee: Business and Labor

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate
- 2 funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of
- 3 the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as
- 4 prescribed; and to declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may
- 2 <u>be required</u>, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other
- 3 funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for
- 4 the payment of indemnification claims which have been settled by the
- 5 State Claims Board and approved by the district court, which have been
- 6 settled by the Attorney General in the district court, or in which court
- 7 judgments have been entered and which require the approval of the
- 8 Legislature for payment.
- 9 \$45,000.00 for Indemnification Claim Number CI 19-79, against the
- 10 State of Nebraska, pay to Shiffermiller Law Trust Account on behalf of
- 11 Sheri Brown, Shiffermiller Law Office, P.C., L.L.O., 1002 G Street,
- 12 Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, out of the General Fund.
- 13 \$429,000.00 for Indemnification Case Number 8:18CV551, against the
- 14 State of Nebraska, pay to Dornan Law Trust Account on behalf of Telena
- 15 Moser, Dornan, Troia, Howard, Breitkreutz, Conway & Dahlquist, P.C.,
- 16 L.L.O., 1403 Farnam Street, Suite 232, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, out of the
- 17 General Fund.
- The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program
- 19 592 in Agency 65.
- 20 <u>For informational purposes only, the appropriations contained in</u>
- 21 <u>this section and fund source:</u>
- 22 <u>FUND SOURCE</u> <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
- 23 GENERAL FUND \$474,000.00
- 24 <u>CASH FUND</u> \$-0-
- 25 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u> \$-0-
- 26 <u>TOTAL</u> <u>\$474,000.00</u>
- 27 Sec. 2. <u>The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be</u>
- 28 required, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other
- 29 <u>funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for</u>
- 30 the payment of workers' compensation claims which have been settled by
- 31 the Attorney General in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or in

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1 which a court judgment has been entered and which require the approval of

- 2 <u>the Legislature for payment.</u>
- 3 \$125,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Rick Haave,
- 4 Dowding, Dowding, Dowding and Urbom, 201 N. 8th Street, Suite 242, P.O.
- 5 Box 83103, Lincoln, Nebraska 68501, out of the Workers' Compensation
- 6 Claims Revolving Fund.
- 7 \$100,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Kenneth Rezac
- 8 and Nicholas Jantzen, Jantzen Law Office, PC LLO, 301 S. 70th Street,
- 9 Suite 150, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510, out of the Workers' Compensation
- 10 Claims Revolving Fund.
- 11 \$150,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to the following
- 12 Michael Krafka and Shasteen, Morris, and Ockander, P.C., L.L.O., 7441 O
- 13 Street, Suite 105, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510, out of the Workers'
- 14 <u>Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.</u>
- 15 \$50,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Billy Maxwell
- 16 and Travis Spier, Atwood, Holsten, Brown, Deaver, Spier and Israel Law
- 17 Firm, P.C., L.L.O., 575 Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 206, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 18 68521, out of the Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.
- 19 The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program
- 20 <u>593 in Agency 65. For informational purposes only, the appropriations</u>
- 21 <u>contained in this section and fund source:</u>
- 22 <u>FUND SOURCE</u> <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
- 23 GENERAL FUND \$-0-
- 24 <u>CASH FUND</u> \$-0-
- 25 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u> \$425,000.00
- 26 <u>TOTAL</u> <u>\$425,000.00</u>
- 27 Sec. 3. The Director of Administrative Services is hereby
- 28 authorized and directed to draw his or her warrants upon the funds in the
- 29 state treasury enumerated in this act, in favor of the several
- 30 beneficiaries named in this act for the amount set opposite their
- 31 <u>respective names</u>, upon the presentation of proper vouchers therefor. The

- 1 several amounts appropriated in this act shall be in full payment of any
- 2 and all claims, rights, causes of action, damages, and demands of every
- 3 character and kind owing by or against the State of Nebraska, its
- 4 officers, agents, and employees, and their successors and assigns with
- 5 respect to each of the beneficiaries respectively in whose favor the
- 6 appropriations are made. The director shall not deliver any warrant for
- 7 any items appropriated in this act until a receipt and release in full,
- 8 releasing the State of Nebraska, its officers, employees, and agents, and
- 9 their successors and assigns, has been filed by each of the beneficiaries
- 10 respectively. Upon presentation of the warrants, the State Treasurer is
- 11 <u>hereby directed to pay the same out of money in the General Fund or out</u>
- 12 <u>of money in other funds indicated in this act not otherwise appropriated.</u>
- 13 Sec. 4. The following requests were filed by state agencies seeking
- 14 permission to write off certain accounts. The State Claims Board reviewed
- 15 and approved the following requests:
- 16 <u>\$5,742.90 for Request Number 2022-21453, made by the Board of</u>
- 17 Educational Lands and Funds.
- 18 \$1,404.00 for Request Number 2022-21458, made by the Game and Parks
- 19 <u>Commission</u>.
- 20 <u>\$37,871.93</u> for Request Number 2022-21459, made by the State
- 21 <u>Treasurer</u>.
- 22 \$327,563.65 for Request Number 2022-21460, made by the Department of
- 23 <u>Transportation</u>.
- 24 \$660.00 for Request Number 2022-21461, made by the State Fire
- 25 Marshal.
- 26 \$3,572.34 for Request Number 2022-21462, made by the Nebraska Public
- 27 <u>Employees Retirement Systems.</u>
- 28 \$5,801,042.07 for Request Number 2022-21463, made by the Department
- 29 of Labor.
- 30 \$177,211.53 for Request Number 2022-21464, made by the Department of
- 31 Labor.

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\$230,330.00 for Request Number 2022-21465, made by the Department of

- 2 <u>Labor</u>.
- 3 \$2,573,279.27 for Request Number 2022-21469, made by the Department
- 4 <u>of Health and Human Services.</u>
- 5 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 6 passed and approved according to law.