

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 666**

FINAL READING

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

Read first time January 20, 2021

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 be required, 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 claims arising out of miscellaneous items of indebtedness  
5 owing by the State of Nebraska.

6        \$318,140.37 for Miscellaneous Claim Number 2021-20829, against the  
7 State of Nebraska, pay to Nebraska Press Advertising Service, 845 "S"  
8 Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1266, out of the General Fund.

9        \$101,143.68 for Miscellaneous Claim CI 18-2161, against the State of  
10 Nebraska, pay to Joy Shiffermiller and Razak Aljanabi, Shiffermiller Law  
11 Office, P.C., L.L.O., Attn: Joy Shiffermiller, 1002 G Street, Lincoln, NE  
12 68508, out of the General Fund.

13        The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program  
14 536 in Agency 65.

15        For informational purposes only, the appropriations contained in  
16 this section and fund source:

<u>FUND SOURCE</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$419,284.05</u>
<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$419,284.05</u>

22        Sec. 2. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be  
23 required, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other  
24 funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for  
25 the payment of workers' compensation claims which have been settled by  
26 the Attorney General in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or in  
27 which court judgments have been entered and which require the approval of  
28 the Legislature for payment.

29        \$115,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Christa  
30 Binstock Israel and Natalie Sieber, Atwood, Holsten, Brown, Deaver and  
31 Spier Law Firm, PC, LLO, 575 Fallbrook Blvd., Ste. 206, Lincoln, NE

1 68512, out of the Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.  
 2 \$150,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Jeanene Gieser  
 3 and Roger Moore, Rehm, Bennett, Moore and Rehm, P.C., L.L.O., 3701 Union  
 4 Drive, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68516, out of the Workers' Compensation  
 5 Claims Revolving Fund.  
 6 \$26,617.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Richard Meidell  
 7 and James W. Ellison, Ellison, Kovarik and Turman Law Firm, P.C., L.L.O.,  
 8 1715 11th Street, P.O. Box 340, Gering, NE 69341-0340, out of the  
 9 Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.

10 The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program  
 11 593 in Agency 65.

12 For informational purposes only, the appropriations contained in  
 13 this section and fund source:

<u>FUND SOURCE</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$291,617.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$291,617.00</u>

19 Sec. 3. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be  
 20 required, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other  
 21 funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for  
 22 the payment of tort claims which have been settled by the State Claims  
 23 Board and approved by the district court, which have been settled by the  
 24 Attorney General in the district court, or in which court judgments have  
 25 been entered and which require the approval of the Legislature for  
 26 payment.

27 \$70,000 for Tort Claim Number 2019-18480, against the State of  
 28 Nebraska, pay to Annette Marking and Tessororf and Tessororf, PC, P.O.  
 29 Box 925, Columbus, NE 68602-0925, out of the State Insurance Fund.

30 \$18,717.50 for Tort Claim Number 2021-20511, against the State of  
 31 Nebraska, pay to Rita Perez and Knowles Law Firm, LLP, 11404 W. Dodge

1 Rd., Suite 450, Omaha, NE 68154, out of the State Insurance Fund.

2 The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program  
3 594 in Agency 65.

4 For informational purposes only, the appropriations contained in  
5 this section and fund source:

<u>FUND SOURCE</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$88,717.50</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$88,717.50</u>

11 Sec. 4. The Director of Administrative Services is hereby  
12 authorized and directed to draw his or her warrants upon the funds in the  
13 state treasury enumerated in this act, in favor of the several  
14 beneficiaries named in this act for the amount set opposite their  
15 respective names, upon the presentation of proper vouchers therefor. The  
16 several amounts appropriated in this act shall be in full payment of any  
17 and all claims, rights, causes of action, damages, and demands of every  
18 character and kind owing by or against the State of Nebraska, its  
19 officers, agents, and employees, and their successors and assigns with  
20 respect to each of the beneficiaries respectively in whose favor the  
21 appropriations are made. The director shall not deliver any warrant for  
22 any items appropriated in this act until a receipt and release in full,  
23 releasing the State of Nebraska, its officers, employees, and agents, and  
24 their successors and assigns, has been filed by each of the beneficiaries  
25 respectively. Upon presentation of the warrants, the State Treasurer is  
26 hereby directed to pay the same out of money in the General Fund or out  
27 of money in other funds indicated in this act not otherwise appropriated.

28 Sec. 5. The following requests were filed by state agencies seeking  
29 permission to write off certain accounts. The State Claims Board reviewed  
30 and approved the following requests:

31 \$2,982.24 for Request Number 2021-20733, made by the Board of

1 Educational Lands and Funds.

2 \$25.46 for Request Number 2021-20734, made by the Legislative  
3 Council.

4 \$23,325.75 for Request Number 2021-20735, made by the Department of  
5 Correctional Services.

6 \$115.00 for Request Number 2021-20736, made by the Supreme Court.

7 \$306.70 for Request Number 2021-20737, made by the Commission for  
8 the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

9 \$783,188.12 for Request Number 2021-20738, made by the Department of  
10 Health and Human Services.

11 \$10,347.76 for Request Number 2021-20740, made by the Department of  
12 Veterans' Affairs.

13 \$86,827.45 for Request Number 2021-20745, made by the Department of  
14 Labor.

15 \$4,758.79 for Request Number 2021-20746, made by the Game and Parks  
16 Commission.

17 \$18,350.50 for Request Number 2021-20747, made by the State Fire  
18 Marshal.

19 \$172,318.19 for Request Number 2021-20748, made by the State  
20 Treasurer.

21 \$637,508.42 for Request Number 2021-20749, made by the Department of  
22 Labor.

23 \$37,056.74 for Request Number 2021-20806, made by the Department of  
24 Environment and Energy.

25 \$25.00 for Request Number 2021-20807, made by the Department of  
26 Insurance.

27 \$2,067.95 for Request Number 2021-20809, made by the Nebraska Public  
28 Employees Retirement Systems.

29 \$202,748.22 for Request Number 2021-20851, made by the Department of  
30 Transportation.

31 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when

1 passed and approved according to law.