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Jim Pillen, Governor

January 11, 2023

Clerk of the Nebraska State Legislature
Attn: Brandon Metzler
State Capitol, Room 2018
PO BOX 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

VIA: Electronic Submission

RE: Annual Legislative Reports

Dear Mr. Metzler:

The Department of Administrative Services–Risk Management Division (“Risk Management”) takes great pleasure in fulfilling its statutory mission to serve the citizens of the State of Nebraska by identifying and minimizing risk exposures to the State. In service of this mission, Risk Management oversees the State Insurance Program, the State Claims Program, the State’s Self-Insured Workers Compensation Program, and the Statewide Safety Program.

Risk Management works closely with the Nebraska Attorney General’s Office, the State’s insurance broker (Aon), the third-party administrator of the State Insurance Program (the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association), and the third-party administrator of the State’s Self-Insured Worker Compensation Program (Gallagher Bassett) to determine whether legal obligations exist that require payments to third parties. When legal obligations do exist, Risk Management makes every effort to make payment as expeditiously as possible.

Concerning the State’s insurance portfolio, Risk Management works diligently to minimize insurance costs and maximize benefits to the State. Over the last few years, insurance premium costs have risen precipitously industry wide. Risk Management is pleased to report that despite steeply increasing insurance premium costs, the State was able to reduce total state insurance payments by increasing the State’s

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amount of self-insurance, which reduced the State's total premiums paid by about \$2 million from the previous fiscal year.

Although there was an increased number of claims made to the State Insurance Program, Self-Insured Workers Compensation Program, State Claims Programs (to include tort, miscellaneous, contract, and Line of Duty Compensation Act claims), Risk Management succeeded in evaluating risks and impacts of those rising claims. Under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 11-203, 48-1,104, 81-8,226, 81-8,239.02, 81-8,239.05, and 81-8,300, Risk Management needs to electronically file reports of all payments made under these programs to the Clerk of the Legislature and, in certain cases, to the chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee. I am pleased to provide these reports to you with this letter.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions related to these reports or Risk Management programs.

Sincerely,



Adam W. Kauffman, Risk Manager
Department of Administrative Services



Jason Jackson, Director
Department of Administrative Services

Cc: Senator Merv Riepe, Chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee

Enclosure(s): (1) Annual Report of Bonded Officers and Employees under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 11-203; (2) Indemnification Claim Payments for Calendar Year 2023 under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,239.05; (3) Miscellaneous Claim Payments for Calendar Year 2023 under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,300; (4) Overview of All Claims Paid for Calendar Year 2023; (5) State Insurance Fund Claim Payments for Calendar Year 2023 under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,239.02; (6) Tort Claim Payments for Calendar Year 2023 under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,226; (7) Workers Compensation Claim Payments for Calendar Year 2023 under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1,104.

State of Nebraska

Department of Administrative Services - Risk Management Division

Workers Compensation Payment Made for Calendar Year Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1,104

Agency	Total Paid	# of payments	# of claims Paid
AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS	14.00	1	1
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE	6,957.59	33	2
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	22,982.89	59	7
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	87,525.96	368	9
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	5,233.85	48	3
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	3,245,647.05	6,138	251
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS	662,139.54	1,898	82
DEPT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	124,686.63	373	21
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE	13,726.81	43	2
DEPT OF BANKING AND FINANCE	858.17	18	3
DEPT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	37.28	2	1
FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD	816.00	68	1
GAME AND PARKS	627,693.33	1,580	81
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	3,734.16	30	1
HHS	3,331,872.72	9,047	430
HISTORY NEBRASKA	83,940.64	140	6
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	173,562.83	326	7
NE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND	30,245.26	99	3
NE COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF	9,840.85	18	1
NE DEPART OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUAL	11,697.63	100	6
NE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	787.00	2	1
NE DEPT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICE	3,094,745.44	7,205	385
NE DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	26,251.04	68	3
NE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	6,485.91	58	2
NE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION	13,002.46	44	4
NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL	686.38	11	1
NEBRASKA BRAND COMMITTEE	40,642.79	173	5
NEBRASKA FIRE MARSHAL	3,330.27	20	3
NEBRASKA MILITARY DEPARTMENT	67,839.77	267	13
NEBRASKA PUBLIC MEDIA	166.34	3	1
NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM	615,778.29	1,328	55
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	644,807.83	1,968	87
NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT	185,152.27	651	30
PARDON/PAROLE BOARD	6,450.89	35	5
STATE ELECTRICAL DIVISION	27,878.59	59	2
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	2,842,390.18	9,093	532
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT	2,592.37	27	1
Grand Total	16,022,201.01	41,401	2,048