

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB769**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 01, 2023  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Holdcroft  
**One Liner:** Authorize use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund to develop a sewer system

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 5 Senators Brandt, Fredrickson, Cavanaugh, J., Hughes, Jacobson  
**Nay:** 3 Senators Slama, Moser, Bostelman  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Rick Holdcroft  
Don Kelly  
Dan Hoins  
David Black

Karen Gibler  
Josh Charvat  
Patrick Sullivan

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Sarpy County; Sarpy County & Cities Wastewater Agency  
Sarpy County Sewer Agency  
City of Papillion; United Cities of Sarpy County; Sarpy  
Counties & Cities Wastewater Agency  
Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce  
Grow Sarpy; Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce  
Eastern Nebraska Development Council

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB769, introduced by Senator Holdcroft, amends Section 61-224, which created the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund. LB769 makes available funds able to be used "to develop a sewer system" in addition to the current uses. LB769 also amends Section 84-612, and directs a transfer of sixty million dollars (\$60M) from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Fund.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

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AM635 replaces “develop a sewer system” with to “provide a grant to an entity formed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to fund a portion of the cost of constructing a wastewater system” and decreases the appropriation request from sixty million to fifteen million from the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund.

Section by Section

Sec. 1 Makes changes to allow use of the Fund to develop a sewer system.

Sec. 2 Amends Section 84-612 to add the transfer of \$60M to the Cash Fund

Sec. 3 Repeal original sections 61-224 and 84-612

Sec. 4 Emergency Clause

AM635 amends language as indicated above and reduces ask from \$69 M to \$15M

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Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson