

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY - FEBRUARY 28, 2024**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****THIRTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Les Parmenter, Thomas County Parish, Thedford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Halloran who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, Day, Dungan, Hunt, Jacobson, Vargas, Walz, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-fourth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to [LB1197](#):
[AM2715](#) is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 312. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome is a noninheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in two thousand female births; and

WHEREAS, a complete cardiac screening is an important diagnostic tool to ensure early diagnosis of Turner syndrome in girls and women; and

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than a hundredfold in young and middle-aged women with Turner syndrome; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Turner syndrome have an increased risk of a nonverbal learning disorder that can cause problems in mathematics, visual-spatial skills, executive function skills, and job retention; and

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, women with Turner syndrome can live long and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, the observation of Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in February 2024 provides the opportunity to share experiences and information and raise public awareness about Turner syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes the month of February 2024 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all girls and women diagnosed with Turner syndrome and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.

Laid over.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR298.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1067. Committee [AM2492](#), found on page 714 and considered on pages 742, 807, 826, and 827, was renewed.

Senator Conrad renewed [AM2580](#), found on page 742 and considered on pages 742, 807, and 827, to the committee amendment.

Senator Albrecht moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 4 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Conrad amendment, to the committee amendment, was withdrawn.

Senator Clements offered [AM2562](#), found on page 775, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1019. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1095. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1151. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1113. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2122](#)

1 1. On page 12, line 26, after "carbon" insert "dioxide".

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1061A. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1061, One Hundred Eighth Legislature, Second Session, 2024.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1067. Committee [AM2492](#), found on page 714 and considered on pages 742, 807, 826, 827, and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Clements renewed [AM2562](#), found on page 775 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Erdman moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Clements moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 19 ayes, 2 nays, and 28 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 not voting.

The Clements amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Wayne asked unanimous consent to withdraw [AM2617](#), found on page 816, to the committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM2763](#), to the committee amendment. No objections. So ordered.

[AM2763](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2492)

- 1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. On page 2, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 10 through line 21
- 3 and insert the following new subsection:
- 4 "(1)(a) Beginning July 1, 2024, if, after sentencing, a prisoner is
- 5 a state prisoner, the state shall reimburse the county where the state
- 6 prisoner was or is maintained in a criminal detention facility at the
- 7 applicable rate prescribed in subdivision (1)(b) of this section for each
- 8 day the state prisoner was maintained in the criminal detention facility
- 9 until the day the state prisoner is transferred to a Department of
- 10 Correctional Services facility, placed on probation for such offense, or
- 11 released from custody at the request of the department, except that if
- 12 state appropriations are not sufficient to satisfy all of the eligible
- 13 county jail reimbursement claims filed during any quarterly fiscal
- 14 period, then the state shall prorate each county's total reimbursement
- 15 for that quarterly fiscal period in proportion to the remaining
- 16 appropriation.
- 17 (b) The reimbursement rate shall be:
- 18 (i) For fiscal year 2024-25, twenty-five percent of the actual costs
- 19 incurred by the county;
- 20 (ii) For fiscal year 2025-26, fifty percent of the actual costs
- 21 incurred by the county; and
- 22 (iii) For fiscal year 2026-27 and each fiscal year thereafter, one
- 23 hundred percent of the actual costs incurred by the county."
- 24 2. On page 4, line 4, after the comma insert "the amount of
- 25 reimbursement claimed."
- 26 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Placed on Final Reading.
[ST37](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 7, line 15, "(3)" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "(3)(a)" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 569. Placed on Final Reading.
[ST39](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Bostelman amendment, AM2496, on page 1, line 3, an underscored comma has been inserted after "facility"; and in line 6 "conflicts-of-interest" has been struck and "conflict-of-interest" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 605. Placed on Final Reading.
[ST38](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 8, line 16, "independent" has been inserted after "licensed".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 624. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 716. Placed on Final Reading.
[ST36](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. Due to the adoption of the Bostar amendment, FA227, in the Bostar amendment, AM2582, on page 1, line 22, the first "of" has been struck.
2. On page 1, line 2, "section" has been struck and "sections 81-2104 and" inserted; and in line 3 "to change provisions relating to rules and regulations;" has been inserted after the semicolon.
3. On page 4, line 29, "section" has been struck and "sections 81-2104 and" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 848. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 854. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 908. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 909. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 936. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 940. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 989. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 992. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1102. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1144. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 822. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2725](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 823. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2723](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 824. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2726](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 904. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2734](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) The Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant
- 4 Program is created. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
- 5 three hundred thousand dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year
- 6 2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants
- 7 pursuant to this section.
- 8 (2) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop
- 9 requirements for eligibility, application, and audits for grants in
- 10 collaboration with statewide associations representing nursing homes as
- 11 defined in section 38-2414 and other stakeholders. The department shall
- 12 meet with such associations prior to October 1, 2024, to identify any
- 13 statutes, rules, regulations, or other regulatory barriers that impede
- 14 the development of an intergenerational care facility in which nursing
- 15 services and child care are provided and develop recommendations to
- 16 remediate such barriers that do not impact the safety of the staff or
- 17 recipients of the nursing services and child care or the quality of
- 18 nursing services and child care.
- 19 (3) The grants shall be awarded to facilities that are nursing homes

20 as defined in section 38-2414 or assisted-living facilities as defined in
 21 section 71-5903 and that have been certified for participation in
 22 medicare or medicaid. The grants shall be used for one-time startup costs
 23 to provide for child care in such facilities. A facility may be awarded
 24 one grant under this section of up to one hundred thousand dollars. The
 25 grants shall be awarded for modification of structures, modification of
 26 outside campus space of the nursing facilities, purchase of child care
 27 equipment and supplies, or any combination of such purposes. A facility
 1 that is applying for or awarded a grant is not required to own or operate
 2 the child care services for which the grant is awarded.
 3 (4) The department shall award the grants on the basis of date of
 4 application with priority given to rural communities as defined in
 5 section 81-1228 for applications filed on the same date. A facility that
 6 was cited for substandard quality of care during its most recent survey
 7 is not eligible for a grant under this section. Each grant recipient
 8 shall establish a plan to participate in the quality rating and
 9 improvement system described in section 71-1956 within three years after
 10 the date the grant is awarded.
 11 Sec. 2. Section 43-536, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 12 2022, is amended to read:
 13 43-536 In determining the rate of reimbursement for child care, the
 14 Department of Health and Human Services shall assess the ~~conduct a~~ market
 15 rates and costs for provision of services ~~rate survey~~ of the child care
 16 providers in the state, utilizing an approved methodology in accordance
 17 with 45 C.F.R. 98.45, as such section existed on January 1, 2024. The
 18 department shall adjust the reimbursement rate for child care every odd-
 19 numbered year at a rate not less than the ~~sixtieth percentile and not to~~
 20 ~~exceed~~ the seventy-fifth percentile of the current market rate ~~survey~~,
 21 except that (1) nationally accredited child care providers may be
 22 reimbursed at higher rates ~~and~~ (2) an applicable child care or early
 23 childhood education program, as defined in section 71-1954, that is
 24 participating in the quality rating and improvement system and has
 25 received a rating of step three or higher under the Step Up to Quality
 26 Child Care Act may be reimbursed at higher rates based upon the program's
 27 quality scale rating under the quality rating and improvement system, ~~and~~
 28 (3) ~~for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017, such rate may not be~~
 29 ~~less than the fiftieth percentile or the rate for the immediately~~
 30 ~~preceding fiscal year and for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2018,~~
 31 ~~such rate may not be less than the sixtieth percentile for the last three~~
 1 ~~quarters of the fiscal year or the rate for the fiscal year beginning on~~
 2 ~~July 1, 2016.~~
 3 Sec. 3. Original section 43-536, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 4 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 933. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2550](#)

1 I. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 68-911 (1) Medical assistance shall include coverage for health care
 6 and related services as required under Title XIX of the federal Social
 7 Security Act, including, but not limited to:
 8 (a) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
 9 (b) Laboratory and X-ray services;
 10 (c) Nursing facility services;
 11 (d) Home health services;
 12 (e) Nursing services;
 13 (f) Clinic services;
 14 (g) Physician services;

15 (h) Medical and surgical services of a dentist;
 16 (i) Nurse practitioner services;
 17 (j) Nurse midwife services;
 18 (k) Pregnancy-related services;
 19 (l) Medical supplies;
 20 (m) Mental health and substance abuse services;
 21 (n) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment
 22 services for children which shall include both physical and behavioral
 23 health screening, diagnosis, and treatment services;
 24 (o) Rural health clinic services; and
 25 (p) Federally qualified health center services.
 26 (2) In addition to coverage otherwise required under this section,
 27 medical assistance may include coverage for health care and related
 1 services as permitted but not required under Title XIX of the federal
 2 Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:
 3 (a) Prescribed drugs;
 4 (b) Intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental
 5 disabilities;
 6 (c) Home and community-based services for aged persons and persons
 7 with disabilities;
 8 (d) Dental services;
 9 (e) Rehabilitation services;
 10 (f) Personal care services;
 11 (g) Durable medical equipment;
 12 (h) Medical transportation services;
 13 (i) Vision-related services;
 14 (j) Speech therapy services;
 15 (k) Physical therapy services;
 16 (l) Chiropractic services;
 17 (m) Occupational therapy services;
 18 (n) Optometric services;
 19 (o) Podiatric services;
 20 (p) Hospice services;
 21 (q) Mental health and substance abuse services;
 22 (r) Hearing screening services for newborn and infant children; and
 23 (s) Administrative expenses related to administrative activities,
 24 including outreach services, provided by school districts and educational
 25 service units to students who are eligible or potentially eligible for
 26 medical assistance.
 27 (3) No later than July 1, 2009, the department shall submit a state
 28 plan amendment or waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 29 Services to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for
 30 community-based secure residential and subacute behavioral health
 31 services for all eligible recipients, without regard to whether the
 1 recipient has been ordered by a mental health board under the Nebraska
 2 Mental Health Commitment Act to receive such services.
 3 (4) On or before October 1, 2014, the department, after consultation
 4 with the State Department of Education, shall submit a state plan
 5 amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as
 6 necessary, to provide that the following are direct reimbursable services
 7 when provided by school districts as part of an individualized education
 8 program or an individualized family service plan: Early and periodic
 9 screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for children; medical
 10 transportation services; mental health services; nursing services;
 11 occupational therapy services; personal care services; physical therapy
 12 services; rehabilitation services; speech therapy and other services for
 13 individuals with speech, hearing, or language disorders; and vision-
 14 related services.
 15 ~~(5)(a) (5)~~ No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall
 16 provide coverage for continuous glucose monitors under the medical

17 assistance program for all eligible recipients who have a prescription
 18 for such device. Eligible recipients shall include all individuals who
 19 meet local coverage determinations, as defined in section 1869(f)(2)(B)
 20 of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as such act existed on
 21 January 1, 2024, and shall include individuals with gestational diabetes.
 22 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that no more than six
 23 hundred thousand dollars in General Funds be appropriated annually for
 24 the purpose of implementing the provisions of subdivision (5)(a) of this
 25 section.

26 (6) On or before October 1, 2023, the department shall seek federal
 27 approval for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare
 28 and Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment or waiver to extend
 29 postpartum coverage for beneficiaries from sixty days to at least six
 30 months. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the department from
 31 submitting a state plan amendment for twelve months.

1 Sec. 2. Original section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023,
 2 is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1106. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2700

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 68-911 (1) Medical assistance shall include coverage for health care
 6 and related services as required under Title XIX of the federal Social
 7 Security Act, including, but not limited to:
 8 (a) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
 9 (b) Laboratory and X-ray services;
 10 (c) Nursing facility services;
 11 (d) Home health services;
 12 (e) Nursing services;
 13 (f) Clinic services;
 14 (g) Physician services;
 15 (h) Medical and surgical services of a dentist;
 16 (i) Nurse practitioner services;
 17 (j) Nurse midwife services;
 18 (k) Pregnancy-related services;
 19 (l) Medical supplies;
 20 (m) Mental health and substance abuse services;
 21 (n) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment
 22 services for children which shall include both physical and behavioral
 23 health screening, diagnosis, and treatment services;
 24 (o) Rural health clinic services; and
 25 (p) Federally qualified health center services.
 26 (2) In addition to coverage otherwise required under this section,
 27 medical assistance may include coverage for health care and related
 1 services as permitted but not required under Title XIX of the federal
 2 Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:
 3 (a) Prescribed drugs;
 4 (b) Intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental
 5 disabilities;
 6 (c) Home and community-based services for aged persons and persons
 7 with disabilities;
 8 (d) Dental services;
 9 (e) Rehabilitation services;
 10 (f) Personal care services;
 11 (g) Durable medical equipment;
 12 (h) Medical transportation services;
 13 (i) Vision-related services;

14 (j) Speech therapy services;
15 (k) Physical therapy services;
16 (l) Chiropractic services;
17 (m) Occupational therapy services;
18 (n) Optometric services;
19 (o) Podiatric services;
20 (p) Hospice services;
21 (q) Mental health and substance abuse services;
22 (r) Hearing screening services for newborn and infant children; and
23 (s) Administrative expenses related to administrative activities,
24 including outreach services, provided by school districts and educational
25 service units to students who are eligible or potentially eligible for
26 medical assistance.

27 (3) No later than July 1, 2009, the department shall submit a state
28 plan amendment or waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
29 Services to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for
30 community-based secure residential and subacute behavioral health
31 services for all eligible recipients, without regard to whether the
1 recipient has been ordered by a mental health board under the Nebraska
2 Mental Health Commitment Act to receive such services.

3 (4) On or before October 1, 2014, the department, after consultation
4 with the State Department of Education, shall submit a state plan
5 amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as
6 necessary, to provide that the following are direct reimbursable services
7 when provided by school districts as part of an individualized education
8 program or an individualized family service plan: Early and periodic
9 screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for children; medical
10 transportation services; mental health services; nursing services;
11 occupational therapy services; personal care services; physical therapy
12 services; rehabilitation services; speech therapy and other services for
13 individuals with speech, hearing, or language disorders; and vision-
14 related services.

15 (5) No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall provide
16 coverage for continuous glucose monitors under the medical assistance
17 program for all eligible recipients who have a prescription for such
18 device.

19 (6) On or before October 1, 2023, the department shall seek federal
20 approval for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare
21 and Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment or waiver to extend
22 postpartum coverage for beneficiaries from sixty days to at least six
23 months. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the department from
24 submitting a state plan amendment for twelve months.

25 (7)(a) No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide
26 coverage for an electric personal-use breast pump for every pregnant
27 woman covered under the medical assistance program, or child covered
28 under the medical assistance program if the pregnant woman is not
29 covered, beginning at thirty-six weeks gestation or the child's date of
30 birth, whichever is earlier. The electric personal-use breast pump shall
31 be capable of (i) sufficiently supporting milk supply, (ii) double and
1 single side pumping, and (iii) suction power ranging from zero mmHg to
2 two hundred fifty mmHg. No later than January 1, 2025, the department
3 shall provide coverage for a minimum of ten lactation consultation visits
4 for every mother covered under the medical assistance program or child
5 covered under the medical assistance program, if the mother is not
6 covered under such program.

7 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate XXX from the
8 General Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 to the department for the purpose of
9 implementing this subsection. The appropriation for lactation
10 consultation visits shall be equal to an amount that is a one hundred
11 forty-five percent rate increase over the current lactation consultation

12 rate paid by the department.

13 Sec. 2. Original section 68-911, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023,

14 is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1373. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2724](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Alyssa L. Bish Director - Division of Children and Family Services-
Department of Health and Human Services

Aye: 7. Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz. Nay: 0.
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 23. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Justin Wayne, Chairperson

Revenue

The Revenue Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Jacqueline Russell - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

Aye: 8. Albrecht, Bostar, Dungan, Kauth, Linehan, Meyer, Murman, von
Gillern. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brewer filed the following amendment to [LB43](#):

[AM2740](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Insert the following new amendment:

2 4. On page 22, line 1, strike "or"; in line 16 strike the period and

3 insert "; or"; and after line 16 insert the following new subdivision:

4 "(I) Subject to compliance with section 8-112, any request for, or

5 release of, information, a record, or a report, obtained by the

6 Department of Banking and Finance from a nonprofit organization."

Senator McDonnell filed the following amendment to [LB644](#):

[AM2738](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 81-12,146, Revised Statutes Cumulative

4 Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

5 81-12,146 (1) The Site and Building Development Fund is created. The

6 fund shall receive money pursuant to section 76-903 and may include

7 revenue from transfers by the Legislature, grants, private contributions,

8 repayment of loans, and all other sources. The Department of Economic

9 Development, as part of its comprehensive business development strategy,

10 shall administer the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment

11 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the

12 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment

13 Act.

14 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer five million

15 dollars from the General Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund

16 for fiscal year 2022-23 and five million dollars from the General Fund to

17 the Site and Building Development Fund for fiscal year 2023-24. Such

18 money shall be placed in a subaccount of the Site and Building

19 Development Fund and earmarked for use to fund large shovel-ready

20 commercial and industrial sites developed under the Municipal Inland Port

21 Authority Act.

22 (3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate five

23 hundred thousand dollars from the Site and Building Development Fund for

24 fiscal year 2024-25 to the department to enter into one or more contracts

25 to conduct a comprehensive study or studies to identify and evaluate

26 large commercial and industrial sites in Nebraska that have the potential

27 to attract major investment and employment opportunities. The study shall

1 include consideration of super sites that encompass between five hundred

2 and one thousand acres and mega sites that encompass more than one

3 thousand acres. At least one proposed site shall be located west of the

4 one hundredth meridian in Nebraska. The contracts shall be awarded based

5 on a competitive selection process as determined by the department. The

6 studies shall be completed no later than December 15, 2024.

7 (b) The study shall assess the potential geographic locations; the

8 infrastructure assets that would be required for each site, including

9 highway, rail, and air transportation, and utilities such as water,

10 wastewater treatment, electrical power, and natural gas; the population

11 within fifty miles of each site and whether such population would be

12 sufficient to provide an adequate workforce for such site; and the

13 appropriate level of state investment necessary to position Nebraska as a

14 nationally or globally competitive location for site selection targeting

15 various sectors, including, but not limited to, advanced manufacturing,

16 trade, bioscience, agribusiness, warehousing and supply chain logistics,

17 technology, aerospace, automotive, clean energy, military support, and

18 life sciences. Such identified state investment levels may include, but

19 are not limited to, land acquisition costs and infrastructure

20 investments. The purpose of the study is to provide strategic insights

21 that will enable the state to attract major investment and employment

22 opportunities in order to support the growth of transformational

23 industries within Nebraska.

24 (c) The Director of Economic Development shall appoint an advisory

25 committee comprised of representatives of Nebraska economic development

26 organizations, equally representing each of Nebraska's three

27 congressional districts, to assist the department in identifying the

28 location of potential and preferred super sites and mega sites.

29 Sec. 2. Original section 81-12,146, Revised Statutes Cumulative

30 Supplement, 2022, is repealed.

31 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed

1 and approved according to law.

RESOLUTION(S)**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 313.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 15 through February 17 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Waverly High School boys wrestling team, coached by Eric Dolezal, secured the Class B Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Waverly's victory was secured by having six finalists: Grey Klucas at 106 pounds, Hunter Jacobsen at 120 pounds, Garrison Brehm at 132 pounds, Brayden Canoyer at 138 pounds, Garrett Rine at 150 pounds, and Drew Moser at 175 pounds; and

WHEREAS, this is Waverly's third state team championship in boys sports; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Waverly High School boys wrestling team on winning the 2024 Class B State Wrestling Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Waverly High School.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 314. Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine potential adjustments to county revenue sources and elimination of unnecessary county expenses to compensate for a phaseout of the Nebraska inheritance tax by 2029. A review of the effect of a five-year phaseout of the Nebraska inheritance tax is appropriate as Nebraska seeks to reform its tax structure to encourage economic growth, simplicity, and fairness for its residents and as Nebraska seeks to compete with other states in the region while providing adequate funds for necessary government duties and services.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The potential elimination of unnecessary and costly statutory requirements for counties;
- (2) Current county revenue sources outside of property taxes; and
- (3) Potential adjustments to current county revenue sources to provide adequate funds for necessary county government duties and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Kauth name added to LB984.
Senator Conrad name added to LB1394.
Senator Hardin name added to LB1408.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Paul Contreras, Toni Marsh, Alyssa Marsh-Contreras, and Ava Marsh-Contreras, Bellevue; the Nebraska Health Care Association's LEAD Class; Lawson Martinez, Lincoln; Coral Parmenter, Thedford; students and teachers from Heartland Community Schools, Henderson; member Colleges of Nebraska Community College Association.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. John Jacobsen of Kearney.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

