

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1071**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 02, 2026  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Speaker Arch  
**One Liner:** Provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Lippincott, Dover, Clements, Armendariz, Spivey, Strommen, Dorn
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Prokop
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Cavanaugh, M.

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Neil Sullivan

**Opponents:**

Katie Torpy

Justin Hubly

Traci Bruckner

Spike Eickholt

Craig Beck

Mike Sciandra

Matthew Martin

Megan Kumpula

Ryan McIntosh

Christon MacTaggart

Hannah Young

Crystal Garcia

Jarel Vinduska

Daniel Russell

Rachel Gibson

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter

**Representing:**

The Nature Conservancy

Nebraska Association of Public Employees AFSCME  
Local 61

Audubon Great Plains

Education Rights Council

OpenSky Policy Institute

Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling

Nonprofit Association of the Midlands

Self

Nebraska Bankers Association

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic  
Violence

Nebraska Civic Engagement Table

Self

Self

Stand For Schools

League of Women Voters of Nebraska

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony



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

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The amendment, AM2162, becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Appropriations Committee's recommendation for the bulk of appropriations to be made during the budget biennium for state operations and state aid. Statutorily authorized transfers among funds are made in conformance with budget requirements as are transfers from the General Fund.

Please refer to "State of Nebraska FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 109th Legislature, Second Session" published March 2026.

A description of General Fund appropriations begins on page 21 for agency operations and state aid. Discussion of cash fund appropriations begins on page 38, as well as sections for federal or revolving fund appropriations and capital construction (page 52-53). Data for all items approved by the Appropriations Committee begins on page 55.

Bills incorporated into LB 1071:

LB 1140 (Spivey) – The bill earmarks \$500,000 of existing appropriated General Funds in FY26-27 within the State Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Program for a multi-trade pre-apprenticeship pilot program serving young adults and preparing them for registered apprenticeships and entry-level construction employment within a city of the metropolitan class.

Testifiers on LB1140:

Proponents:

Senator Ashlei Spivey , Opening Presenter  
Lindy Foley, Nebraska Department of Education

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1140:

Yes: 9 Clements, Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 0;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 1070 (Dover) – The bill appropriates \$6,000,000 cash funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in FY2026-27 for disbursement of funds to approved projects under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

Testifiers on LB1070:

Proponents:

Senator Robert Dover , Opening Presenter  
Carol Bodeen, Nebraska Housing Developers Association, Nebraska Economic Developers Association  
Jewel Rogers, Nebraska State Poet, SPARK

Opponents: None



Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1070:

Yes: 8 Clements, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 1 Armendariz;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 1190 (Conrad) – The bill amends earmark language to expand eligibility for aid for mentorship programs for nonprofit organizations, administered by the Department of Economic Development.

Testifiers on LB1190:

Proponents:

Senator Danielle Conrad , Opening Presenter

Sarah Waldman, Girl Scouts

Opponents: None

Neutral:

Melissa Mayo, Mentor Nebraska

Committee vote to attach LB1190:

Yes: 8 Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 1 Clements;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 1248 (Dover) – The bill, as introduced, appropriates \$38 million General Funds for a grant to a city of the first class for wastewater treatment facilities, meeting certain conditions. The Committee amended the bill to change the funding source from General Funds to federal funds. The amendment also earmarked federal funds, which were previously appropriated to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, for this purpose and additional conditions were added to require certification of matching funds by an applicant to be eligible for a grant.

Testifiers on LB1248:

Proponents:

Senator Robert Dover , Opening Presenter

Shane Clausen, Mayor of City of Norfolk

Steven Rames, City of Norfolk

Zoran Vrebac, Self

Walter Aschoff, Self

Kris Bousquet, Nebraska State Dairy Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Soybean Association

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1248:

Yes: 9 Clements, Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 0;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;



LB 858 (Frederickson) – The bill appropriates \$500,000 for FY2026-27 from the Health Care Cash Fund to Department of Health and Human Services for aid to federally qualified health centers for expanded health care access through the community health centers, including, but not limited to, expanding existing lines of service such as behavioral health or dental services, adding new lines of service, adding new service locations, purchasing equipment, or completing capital projects.

Testifiers on LB858:

Proponents:

Senator John Fredrickson , Opening Presenter  
Amy Behnke, Health Center Association of Nebraska

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB858:

Yes: 5 Cavanaugh, M., Dover, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 4 Clements, Armendariz, Dorn, Lippincott;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

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Robert Clements, Chairperson

