

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB595

Hearing Date: Thursday March 06, 2025
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Prokop
One Liner: Create the Research Excellence Cash Fund

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Raybould
Nay:	1	Senator Moser
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jason Prokop
Russell Callan
John McClure
Lorrie Benson

Bruce Johnson
Al David

Opponents:

Neutral:

Matt Blomstedt
Larkin Powell
John Erixson

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Association of Resource Districts
Nebraska Public Power District
First-Plymouth Congregation Church Climate Action Team
Self
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club

Representing:

Representing:

University of Nebraska
Self
Self

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 595 creates the Research Excellence Cash Fund to be administered by the University of Nebraska for the purpose of supporting research-based investments in data collection, including, but not limited to, weather-data collection using the Nebraska Mesonet System. The fund shall consist of money from gifts, grants, or bequests designated for the fund and transfers authorized by the Legislature. The bill contains an emergency clause.



Explanation of amendments:

The committee adopted AM 619 which prohibits use of the funds for any electronic-related equipment or components manufactured or supplied by a foreign adversary as identified in 15 CFR 791.4 applicable to data gathering equipment that will be or is located within a 10-mile radius of a military installation as defined in section 70-1001.01.

Tom Brandt, Chairperson

