

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133**

Introduced by Kauth, 31.

Read first time January 20, 2026

Committee: Business and Labor

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate  
2 funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of  
3 the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as  
4 prescribed; and to declare an emergency.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1        **Section 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be  
2 required, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other  
3 funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for  
4 the payment of a state settlement, which has been settled by the Attorney  
5 General in the district court and which requires the approval of the  
6 Legislature for payment.

7        \$51,791.88 for Miscellaneous Claim Number 2025-01061, pay to Rodney  
8 Gerald Hoelscher, 1860 Road 43, Lincoln, NE 68036, out of the General  
9 Fund.

10        The claim included in this section shall be paid through Program 536  
11 in Agency 65.

12        For informational purposes only, the appropriation contained in this  
13 section and fund source:

<u>FUND SOURCE</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$51,791.88</u>
<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$51,791.88</u>

19        **Sec. 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be  
20 required, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other  
21 funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for  
22 the payment of indemnification claims which have been settled by the  
23 State Claims Board and approved by the district court, which have been  
24 settled by the Attorney General in the district court, or in which a  
25 court judgment has been entered and which require the approval of the  
26 Legislature for payment.

27        \$354,456.23 for Indemnification Claim Numbers CI 24-3163 and CI  
28 24-4457, pay to the Trust Account of Fiedler Law Firm, P.L.C., on behalf  
29 of Kurt Von Minden, 17330 Wright Street, Suite 102, Omaha, NE 68130, out  
30 of the General Fund.

31        The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program

1    592 in Agency 65.

2        For informational purposes only, the appropriation contained in this  
3    section and fund source:

4 <u>FUND SOURCE</u>	5 <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
5 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	\$354,456.23
6 <u>CASH FUND</u>	\$-0-
7 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	\$-0-
8 <u>TOTAL</u>	\$354,456.23

9        Sec. 3. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be  
10   required, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other  
11   funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for  
12   the payment of workers' compensation claims which have been settled by  
13   the Attorney General in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or in  
14   which court judgments have been entered and which require the approval of  
15   the Legislature for payment.

16        \$400,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to the Trust  
17   Account of High & Younes, LLC, on behalf of Greg Mosley, 6919 Dodge  
18   Street, Omaha, NE 68132, out of the Workers' Compensation Claims  
19   Revolving Fund.

20        \$162,500.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to the Trust  
21   Account of Atwood Law, P.C., L.L.O., on behalf of Stewart Craig, 575  
22   Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 206, Lincoln, NE 68521, out of the Workers'  
23   Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.

24        \$20,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to the Trust  
25   Account of Handley Law, PC, LLO, on behalf of Kenneth Cobb, 1141 H  
26   Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, out of the Workers' Compensation Claims  
27   Revolving Fund.

28        \$300,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to the Trust  
29   Account of Keating, O'Gara, Nedved & Peter, PC, LLO, on behalf of Todd  
30   Rasmussen, 200 South 21st Street, Suite 400, Lincoln, NE 68510, out of  
31   the Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.

1       The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program  
2       593 in Agency 65.

3       For informational purposes only, the appropriations contained in  
4       this section and fund source:

<u>FUND SOURCE</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
6 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
7 <u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
8 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$882,500.00</u>
9 <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$882,500.00</u>

10       Sec. 4. The Director of Administrative Services is hereby  
11       authorized and directed to draw his or her warrants upon the funds in the  
12       state treasury enumerated in this act, in favor of the several  
13       beneficiaries named in this act for the amount set opposite their  
14       respective names, upon the presentation of proper vouchers therefor. The  
15       several amounts appropriated in this act shall be in full payment of any  
16       and all claims, rights, causes of action, damages, and demands of every  
17       character and kind owing by or against the State of Nebraska, its  
18       officers, agents, and employees, and their successors and assigns with  
19       respect to each of the beneficiaries respectively in whose favor the  
20       appropriations are made. The director shall not deliver any warrant for  
21       any items appropriated in this act until a receipt and release in full,  
22       releasing the State of Nebraska, its officers, employees, and agents, and  
23       their successors and assigns, has been filed by each of the beneficiaries  
24       respectively. Upon presentation of the warrants, the State Treasurer is  
25       hereby directed to pay the same out of money in the General Fund or out  
26       of money in other funds indicated in this act not otherwise appropriated.

27       Sec. 5. The following requests were filed by state agencies seeking  
28       permission to write off certain accounts. The State Claims Board reviewed  
29       and approved the following requests:

30       \$856.00 for Request Number 2026-01512, made by the State Fire  
31       Marshal.

1       \$1,032,144.79 for Request Number 2026-01520, made by the Department  
2    of Health and Human Services.

3       \$98,759.21 for Request Number 2026-01521, made by the Department of  
4    Transportation.

5       \$1,708,343.43 for Request Number 2026-01524, made by the Department  
6    of Labor.

7       \$2,647.70 for Request Number 2026-01526, made by the Department of  
8    Veterans' Affairs.

9       **Sec. 6.**    Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
10    passed and approved according to law.