

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:

14 <u>FUND SOURCE</u>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
15 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$51,791.88</u>
16 <u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
17 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
18 <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>	<u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
5 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>\$354,456.23</u>
6 <u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
7 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
8 <u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$354,456.23</u>

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:

5 <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.