

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1248**

Introduced by Dover, 19.

Read first time January 21, 2026

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2025, LB261,
- 2 section 280; to change appropriations to the Department of Water,
- 3 Energy, and Environment; to repeal the original section; and to
- 4 declare an emergency.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Laws 2025, LB261, section 280, is amended to read:

2           Sec. 280. AGENCY NO. 84 – DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENERGY, AND  
3 ENVIRONMENT

4           Program No. 513 - Environmental Quality

	FY2025-26	FY2026-27
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6 <u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>5,593,323</u>	<u>43,593,323</u>
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8 CASH FUND	42,816,431	43,115,996
9 FEDERAL FUND est.	45,798,301	46,175,320
10 <u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>94,208,055</u>	<u>132,884,639</u>
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12 SALARY LIMIT	18,821,791	19,216,295

13           The Department of Administrative Services shall monitor the  
14 appropriations and expenditures for this program according to the  
15 following program classifications:

16           No. 513 - Administration

17           No. 586 - Water Quality

18           No. 587 - Land Quality

19           No. 588 - Air Quality

20           There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
21 \$18,645,601 Cash Funds and \$24,538,513 Federal Funds estimate for state  
22 aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the  
23 appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 \$38,000,000 General Funds,  
24 \$18,645,601 Cash Funds, and \$24,529,499 Federal Funds estimate for state  
25 aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.

26           The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance appropriated to the  
27 Department of Natural Resources for this program existing on June 30,  
28 2025, up to \$6,000,000, is hereby reappropriated for providing grants to  
29 metropolitan utilities districts for lead service line replacements in  
30 accordance with section 71-5328.

31           There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program

1 \$38,000,000 General Funds for FY2026-27 for the purpose of awarding a  
2 grant to a city of the first class which operates a publicly owned  
3 wastewater treatment facility that is subject to a National Pollutant  
4 Discharge Elimination System permit and that has experienced documented  
5 increases in industrial wastewater load resulting in treatment capacity  
6 or compliance challenges due to a calcium caseinate food ingredient  
7 manufacturing facility.

8       **Sec. 2.** Original Laws 2025, LB261, section 280, is repealed.

9       **Sec. 3.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
10 passed and approved according to law.