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KAUTH: This is going to be an abbreviated opening. Welcome to the Business and Labor Committee. I'm Senator Kauth from Omaha, representing the 31st Legislative District. If you're planning to testify today, please fill out one of the green testifier sheets for each bill you are testifying on and hand it to the clerk. Let's see. When you come up to testify, please speak clearly into the microphone. Tell us your name, spell your first and last name to ensure we get an accurate record. We'll go proponents, opponents, and neutral. Three-minute light system, and committee members may come and go during this hearing. I think we probably won't. We're all just here. If you have anything to share, bring up 12 copies to the page. If need be, we'll have some copies made for you. Silence or turn off your cell phones and verbal outbursts or applause are not permitted in the hearing room. Let's see. Written comments on the bill must be included in the record if they are submitted by 8 a.m. the day of the hearing. We have none so far. I will have our committee members introduce themselves, starting on my far right.

RAYBOULD: Good afternoon. I'm Jane Raybould, Legislative District 28, which is central Lincoln.

HANSEN: Ben Hansen, District 16.

IBACH: Teresa Ibach, District 44.

KAUTH: And I did not introduce myself, Kathleen Kauth, LD 31. If we're ready-- that-- that's it. OK. Oh, sorry. Page helping us today is Lexi Bodlak, from Pender, Nebraska, senior at UNL, Agricultural Communications. Thank you for being here. And I am opening on-- can we waive the opening?

HANSEN: I think you have--

KAUTH: I'll officially open.

HANSEN: I think somebody has to open on it in some capacity, like they-- spell their name.

_____: Yeah. [INAUDIBLE] editor.

HANSEN: Are you giving her 3 minutes or 5 minutes?

IBACH: One minute.

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KAUTH: Let's do 30 seconds. Let's see how fast--

_____: [INAUDIBLE]

IBACH: Thank you. Welcome. We're now going to have AM2413 to LB1133.

KAUTH: Thank you. My name is Kathleen Kauth, K-a-t-h-l-e-e-n K-a-u-t-h, and this is one additional state claims. It is \$289,360.48 for a line of duty claim against the state of Nebraska for Kyle McAcy, who died in the line of duty, paid out to Kevin and Teresa McAcy out of the General Fund. So I would ask everyone to say yes, and we will get this amended onto LB1133.

IBACH: Questions from the committee?

RAYBOULD: Yes--

IBACH: Senator Raybould.

RAYBOULD: Senator Kauth, isn't there one additional claim, \$51,791.88, for a miscellaneous claim?

KAUTH: That is already on the bill, so I, I don't know if, if that-- I think we have already voted on that.

HANSEN: She struck the whole section and just replaced it. Single white copy amendment. It was--

RAYBOULD: OK. Yeah. Thank you.

IBACH: Other questions? Seeing none, you're welcome to close.

KAUTH: I waive.

IBACH: Waives closing. Pro-- proponents.

RAYBOULD: Proponent.

PHOEBE LURZ: Thank you.

IBACH: Go ahead. Thank you.

PHOEBE LURZ: Good afternoon, members of the Business and Labor Committee. My name is Phoebe Lurz, P-h-o-e-b-e L-u-r-z. I'm an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Litigation Bureau, and I also serve as legal advisor to the State Claims Board and to the Risk

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Manager. As Senator Kauth stated, AM2413 updates Section 1 of LB1133. It includes one additional claim for payment. It's claim 2026-01453, is a line of duty claim filed by Kevin and Teresa McAcy, following the death of their son, Kyle McAcy, who died in the line of duty. He was killed in a car accident while serving as a State Patrol Trooper last January-- or February, I forget. The total amount of this claim is \$289,360.48. This claim was approved by the State Claims Board at a hearing that took place after the hearing on LB1133 and AM2008, which is why we're here today. Our office recommends that you appropriate sufficient funds to pay this and the prior claims that were included in LB1133 and AM2008. And I'm happy to answer any other questions you might have.

IBACH: Any questions from the committee? Seeing none, thank you very much for your testimony.

PHOEBE LURZ: Thank you.

IBACH: And Senator Kauth will waive closing-- well, any opponents? No. Any neutral? No. Senator Kauth will waive closing. Thank you very much. That concludes our hearing on AM2413 to LB1133.