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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1188

Introduced by Riepe, 12.

Read first time January 12, 2024

Committee: Business and Labor

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate
- 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,

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- 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 an indemnification claim that has been settled by the
- 5 State Claims Board and approved by the district court, that has been
- 6 settled by the Attorney General in the district court, or in which a
- 7 court judgment has been entered and that requires the approval of the
- 8 Legislature for payment.
- 9 \$100,000.00 for Indemnification Claim No. CI 20-918 against the
- 10 State of Nebraska, pay to Trust Account of Rehm, Moore and Rehm P.C.
- 11 L.L.O., 3701 Union Drive, Number 200, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516, out of the
- 12 General Fund.
- 13 The claim included in this section shall be paid through Program 592
- 14 <u>in Agency 65.</u>
- 15 For informational purposes only, the appropriation contained in this
- 16 section and fund source:
- 17 <u>FUND SOURCE</u> <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
- 18 <u>GENERAL FUND</u> \$100,000.00
- 19 CASH FUND \$-0-
- 20 <u>REVOLVING FUND</u> \$-0-
- 21 <u>TOTAL</u> \$100,000.00
- Sec. 2. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be
- 23 required, are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or from other
- 24 funds as indicated in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for
- 25 the payment of workers' compensation claims which have been settled by
- 26 <u>the Attorney General in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or in</u>
- 27 which court judgments have been entered and which require the approval of
- 28 <u>the Legislature for payment.</u>
- 29 \$15,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Landis Johnson,
- 30 7828 Framton Road, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516-6359, out of the Workers'
- 31 <u>Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.</u>

\$210,000.00 for a workers' compensation claim, pay to Atwood,

- 2 Holsten, Brown, Deaver, Spier and Israel Law Firm, P.C. L.L.O., 575
- 3 Fallbrook Boulevard, Suite 206, Lincoln, Nebraska 68521, on behalf of
- 4 <u>Landis Johnson</u>, out of the Workers' <u>Compensation Claims Revolving Fund</u>.
- 5 The claims included in this section shall be paid through Program
- 6 <u>593 in Agency 65.</u>
- 7 For informational purposes only, the appropriations contained in
- 8 this section and fund source:
- 9 <u>FUND SOURCE</u> <u>DOLLAR AMOUNT</u>
- 10 GENERAL FUND \$-0-
- 11 <u>CASH FUND</u> <u>\$-0-</u>
- 12 REVOLVING FUND \$225,000.00
- 13 <u>TOTAL</u> \$225,000.00
- 14 Sec. 3. The Director of Administrative Services is hereby
- 15 authorized and directed to draw his or her warrants upon the funds in the
- 16 state treasury enumerated in this act, in favor of the several
- 17 beneficiaries named in this act for the amount set opposite their
- 18 respective names, upon the presentation of proper vouchers therefor. The
- 19 several amounts appropriated in this act shall be in full payment of any
- 20 and all claims, rights, causes of action, damages, and demands of every
- 21 <u>character and kind owing by or against the State of Nebraska, its</u>
- 22 officers, agents, and employees, and their successors and assigns with
- 23 respect to each of the beneficiaries respectively in whose favor the
- 24 appropriations are made. The director shall not deliver any warrant for
- 25 any items appropriated in this act until a receipt and release in full,
- 26 releasing the State of Nebraska, its officers, employees, and agents, and
- 27 <u>their successors and assigns, has been filed by each of the beneficiaries</u>
- 28 respectively. Upon presentation of the warrants, the State Treasurer is
- 29 hereby directed to pay the same out of money in the General Fund or out
- 30 <u>of money in other funds indicated in this act not otherwise appropriated.</u>
- 31 Sec. 4. The following requests were filed by state agencies seeking

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1 permission to write off certain accounts. The State Claims Board reviewed

- 2 <u>and approved the following requests:</u>
- 3 \$201,117.22 for Request Number 2024-23308, made by the Department of
- 4 <u>Transportation</u>.
- 5 \$8,829.58 for Request Number 2024-23314, made by the Department of
- 6 Veterans' Affairs.
- 7 <u>\$1,495,029.34 for Request Number 2024-23321, made by the Department</u>
- 8 of Health and Human Services.
- 9 \$1,690.00 for Request Number 2024-23326, made by the State Fire
- 10 Marshal.
- 11 \$931,307.28 for Request Number 2024-23327, made by the Department of
- 12 Labor.
- 13 \$1,017,071.36 for Request Number 2024-23366, made by the Department
- 14 of Labor.
- 15 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 16 passed and approved according to law.