

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB657

Hearing Date: Monday February 23, 2015
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Hadley
One Liner: Appropriate funds for state government expenses

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 9 Senators Bolz, Haar, Hilkemann, Kintner, Kuehn, Mello, Nordquist, Stinner, Watermeier

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Gerry Oligmueller

Representing:

Introducer - Governor's Office

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 657, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

This bill is the mainline appropriations bill for the biennium that begins July 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2017. This measure includes the budget recommendations for all State operations and aid programs. In addition to the new appropriations set forth in the bill, language is included providing for the reappropriation of unexpended June 30, 2015 General Fund appropriation balances remaining for operations, with some exceptions, for FY 2015-16. The bill includes the appropriate transfers from cash funds to the General Fund as well as between specified cash funds. Finally, it provides the necessary definitions for the proper administration of appropriations and personal service limitations.

This legislative bill contains the emergency clause and becomes operative on July 1, 2015.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Appropriations Committee's recommendation for the bulk of appropriations to be made during the budget biennium for state operations and state aid. Statutorily authorized transfers among funds are made in conformance with budget requirements as are transfers from the General Fund.

Please refer to "State of Nebraska FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 104th Legislature, First Session," published April, 2015. Significant increases and reductions from the current year are listed on page 32. A narrative description of highlights of the recommendation begins on page 34 for

state aid followed by operations beginning on page 50. Tabular data follows in additional sections, itemizing the recommendation by agency, aid program, and all fund sources. A narrative description of the recommendation by each state agency begins on page 98.

The amendment contains an operative date of July 1, 2015, and has the emergency clause.

Heath Mello, Chairperson