

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB171**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday March 20, 2017  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor  
**Introducer:** Albrecht  
**One Liner:** Provide for payment of claims against the state

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Albrecht, Chambers, Crawford, Halloran, Hansen, Howard,  
Lowe

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Meghan Chaffee  
Shereece Dendy  
Stephanie Caldwell  
Cindy York  
Patrick Cole  
Randy Gerke  
Regina Shields  
David McManaman  
Kyle Schneweis  
Allen Beermann

**Representing:**

Legal Counsel, Business & Labor Committee on behalf  
of Senator Albrecht, Chair  
Risk Manager, Division of Risk Management,  
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)  
Assistant Attorney General, Nebraska Attorney  
Generals' Office  
Nebraska Military Department  
Division Administrator, Budget & Fiscal Division,  
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission  
Deputy Director, Accounting & Finance Manager,  
Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems  
(NPERS)  
Agency Attorney, Nebraska State Fire Marshal  
Attorney, Nebraska Department of Health & Human  
Services  
Director, Nebraska Department of Roads  
Executive Director, Nebraska Press Advertising Service

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 171 was introduced at the request of the Department of Administrative Services, Risk Management Division. This bill introduces the claims against the State that are required by statute to be reviewed and approved by the Legislature.

Sec. 1. contains one miscellaneous claim.

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Sec. 2. contains six tort claims.

Sec. 3. authorizes and directs the Director of Administrative Services to draw upon the funds in this act.

Sec. 4. contains agency write-off requests from the Clerk of the Legislature, Military Department, Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System, State Fire Marshal, Supreme Court, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Aeronautics, and the Department of Roads.

Sec. 5. emergency clause.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Amendment (AM 672)

The amendment replaces the bill. An amendment is necessary because there are additional claims that are processed between the time of bill introduction and the committee hearing on the bill. In addition to the claims listed in LB 171, AM 672 contains a new Section 2 consisting of four tort claims to be paid out of the Roads Operations Cash Fund. A new Section 3 includes two workers compensation claims. And Section 4 includes eight additional tort claims arising out of two incidents. Details:

Sec. 1. contains one miscellaneous claim.

Sec. 2. contains four tort claims to be paid out of the Roads Operations Cash Fund.

Sec. 3. contains two workers compensation claims.

Sec. 4. contains thirteen tort claims.

Sec. 5. authorizes and directs the Director of Administrative Services to draw upon the funds in this act.

Sec. 6. contains agency write-off requests from the Clerk of the Legislature, Military Department, Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System, State Fire Marshal, Supreme Court, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Aeronautics, and the Department of Roads.

Sec. 7. emergency clause.

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Joni Albrecht, Chairperson