



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002  
Committee Statement  
LB 1272

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**Hearing Date:** February 20, 2002  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducer(s):** (Brown, Chambers, Kruse, Redfield)  
**Title:** Create the Environmental Response Contingency Fund and change lottery money distribution

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File  
Advanced to General File with Amendments  
X Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

8	Yes	Senators Bromm, Bruning, Hudkins, Jones, Kremer, Preister, Schrock, Stuhr
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Pam Brown

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**  
Vince Shay  
Ken Winston  
Wes Sheets  
  
Dave Sands

**Representing:**  
The Nature Conservancy  
Sierra Club of Nebraska  
Nebraska Council of Sportsmens Clubs; Izaak  
Walton League  
Audubon Nebraska

**Neutral:**  
None

**Representing:**

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

LB 1272 does the following:

Section 1: Creates the Environmental Response Contingency Fund, to be used to meet state obligations resulting from environmental contamination response actions. Allows the Governor to use the fund to provide matching funds for federal funds.

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Section 2: Transfers twenty-four and one-half percent of funds collected under the State Lottery Act to the Environmental Response Contingency Fund; and, reduces by the twenty-four and one-half percent the amount currently provided to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund. Provides for an appropriation by the Legislature, should the Legislature choose to do so. Requires any funds recovered from the responsible party to be placed in the fund.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

None

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**Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson**