



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003  
Committee Statement  
LB 806

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**Hearing Date:** March 17, 2003  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor

**Introducer(s):** (Business and Labor Committee)  
**Title:** Appropriate funds for payment of certain claims against the state

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

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senator Vrtiska, Burling, Kremer, Combs, Hartnett, Preister, Chambers
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Laurie Lage  
Laura Peterson  
Allen Beermann  
Chris Peterson  
Dennis Loose  
DeMaris Johnson  
Hobert Rupe  
Major Mike Degur

**Representing:**

Business and Labor  
DAS Risk Management  
NE Press Association  
HHSS  
HHSS  
NE County Attorneys Association  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Military

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 806 contains approved agency write-offs and claims made against the state that have been approved for payment by the State Claims Board.

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## **Explanation of amendments, if any:**

AM0932 makes several changes to the original bill. The description of the bill as amended is as follows:

Section 1 of the bill appropriates funds for the payment of miscellaneous claims, or claims for which there is no program or fund designated for such claims. This is the category in which all of the county attorney claims for their representation of the state in Administrative License Revocation appeals to district court are placed. The original bill contained court ordered county attorney claims that were denied last session in addition to the approved claims from this session. The total amount of miscellaneous claims was \$381,387.06. The amendment adds a claim and deletes each of the county attorney claims made against the attorney general. The total under this section is now \$357,597.58.

Section 2, added through the committee amendment, appropriates General Funds for the payment of tort claims which have been settled by the Attorney General in district court or in which court judgments have been entered. The tort claim approved that must be approved by the Legislature is \$194,685.76.

Section 3 appropriates funds for the payment of workers' compensation lump-sum settlements that have been approved by the Workers' Compensation Court and require the Legislature's approval. The amount of that settlement is \$21,676.64, that will come from the Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.

Section 4 provides authorization for warrant payment to this bill's beneficiaries.

Section 5 contains requests by state agencies seeking permission to write-off certain accounts deemed uncollectible. The committee amendment contains a change to Request No. 02-557, made by the Department of Health and Human Services, that would reduce the write-off amount to \$271,692.73. The Department requested this reduction because of recent arrangements made by a debtor to pay her debt. The Department now deems the \$34,354.44 debt as collectible. The amendment further added an agency write-off request by the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the amount of \$1,131.00.

Section 6 contains an emergency clause.

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**Senator Floyd P. Vrtiska, Chairperson**