



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1091

Chairperson: Roger R. Wehrbein
Committee: Appropriations
Date of Hearing: February 2, 2004

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1091, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's mid-biennium budget recommendations. LB 1091 provides for interfund transfers and fund language changes:

1. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$650,000 from the Education Innovation Fund to the General Fund on or before June 15, 2004, as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,000,000 each year for three years from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (Designated) Cash Fund within fifteen days after July 1, 2004, July 1, 2005, and July 1, 2006.
3. Provides harmonizing and clarifying language for the Workers' Compensation Trust Fund relating to annual transfers authorized by the Legislature.
4. Eliminates two obsolete funds (State Fire Marshal Fund and Fire Insurance Tax Fund) as these two funds will have no new revenue sources.
5. Harmonizes statutory provisions for three programs and three funds in the State Fire Marshal's Office. (A) Provides that all Cash Fund revenues collected under Program 225-General Operations will be separately tracked and credited to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund for the same existing statutory purposes; (B) Provides that all Cash Fund revenues collected under Program 226-Pipeline Safety Program will be separately tracked and credited to the Nebraska Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Cash Fund for the same existing statutory purposes; and (C) Provides that all Cash Fund revenues collected under Program 340-Training Division will be separately tracked and credited to the Training Division Cash Fund for the same existing statutory purposes.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's mid-biennium budget recommendations can be found in the document entitled "Governor's Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustments, 2003-

2005 Biennium” dated January 15, 2004, and may be viewed on the Department of Administrative Services – Budget Division’s website at:
http://www.budget.state.ne.us/das_budget/publications/bpubs.htm

Principal Introducer:

**Speaker Curt Bromm,
At the request of the Governor**