# ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB585

Hearing Date: Monday March 14, 2011
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Business and Labor

**One Liner:** Provide for payment of claims against the state

# **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 7 Senators Ashford, Carlson, Cook, Harr, Lathrop, Smith, Wallman

Nay: Absent:

**Present Not Voting:** 

Proponents: Representing:

Molly Burton Introducer

Shannon Anderson State Risk Manager

Allen J. Beermann Nebraska Press Adv. Service

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 585 is introduced by the Business and Labor Committee 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.

Section 1: Tort Claims

1. Claim number 2008-02654 against the Department of Health and Human Services

General Fund Claim Amount: \$190,000

2. Claim number 2009-03422 against the Department of Roads

Roads Operations Cash Fund Claim Amount \$99,666.37

3. Claim number 2010-04095 against the State of Nebraska

General Fund Claim Amount \$475,000

4. Claim number 2010-04096 against the State of Nebraska

General Fund Claim Amount \$325,000

## Section 2: Tort Claims

1. Claim number 2008-02942 against the Department of Health and Human Services

General Fund Claim Amount \$300,000

2. Claim number 2010-04887 against the Department of Health and Human Services

General Fund Claim Amount \$35,000

3. Claim number 2011-10823 against the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

State Insurance Fund Claim Amount \$300,000

4. Claim number 2011-10824 against the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

State Insurance Fund Claim Amount \$300,000

Section 3: Workers' Compensation Claims

The attorney general settled three workers' compensation claims in the amounts of \$157,286.77, \$175,000, and \$50,000

Section 4: grants the Director of Administrative Services authority to issue warrants for payment of the claims enumerated in sections 1, 2 and 3. Clarifies that payment cannot be made until the beneficiaries sign waivers releasing the State of any other claims.

Section 5: Agency Write-off Requests

The Board has approved the following requests:

- 1. Request number 2010-04378 from the Supreme Court for \$115.36
- 2. Request number 2011-10086 from the Department of Health and Human Services for \$680,325.58
- 3. Request number 2011-10559 from the State Fire Marshal for \$750
- 4. Request number 2011-10655 from the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court for \$1,597
- 5. Request number 2011-10656 from the Department of Roads for \$175,035.79
- 6. Request number 2011-10661 from the State Energy Office for 41,380.14
- 7. Request number 2011-10662 from the Department of Insurance for \$1,872
- 8. Request number 2011-10664 from the Department of Insurance for \$1,608
- 9. Request number 2011-10665 from the Department of Insurance for \$33,75510. Request number 2011-10666 from the Department of Insurance for \$3,104
- 11. Request number 2011-10667 from the Department of Insurance for \$44.00
- 12. Request number 2011-10707 from the Game and Parks Commission for \$74,461.26
- 13. Request number 2011-10708 from the Military Department for \$4,171
- 14. Request number 2011-10825 from the Supreme Court for \$179.89

### **Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment replaces the bill by including all of the original sections with technical changes and by adding two miscellaneous claims in the amounts of \$86,026.47 and 136,227.96 and three tort claims in the amounts of \$50,000, \$180,000, and \$260,000.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson