

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB199

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2013

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

LB 199, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

The bill includes the following new fund or transfer items:

The State Treasurer is directed to make the following transfers:

1. a. Two separate transfers of \$34,954 from the Corporation Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund to help finance the Secretary of State's election administration operations;
- b. Two separate transfers of \$200,000 from the Uniform Commercial Code Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund to help finance the Secretary of State's election administration operations;
- c. Authorizes three separate transfers as follows to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund to help finance acquisition or leasing of and allow critical repairs to the current State Patrol Crime Lab facility:
 - i. \$500,000 from the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund,
 - ii. \$1,000,000 from the Public Safety Cash Fund, and
 - iii. \$250,000 from the Nebraska State Patrol Cash Fund;
- d. Two separate transfers from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to continue the property tax relief provided by the state pursuant to the Property Tax Credit Act enacted in 2007;
- e. Transfers of \$3,300,000 each year from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund as provided in section 61-218 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator;
- f. Transfer of the balance of the Campaign Finance Limitation Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund on or before July 5, 2013, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.

The Department of Banking and Finance Settlement Cash Fund is created;

1. The Commission on Indian Affairs Cash Fund is created;
2. Sections 53-117.03 and 53-117.06 are amended to clarify that personnel expenses are an authorized use of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund.
3. Provides that land at the Hastings Regional Center determined to be excess shall be sold and the proceeds, less maintenance expenses pending the sale and selling expenses, plus investment income on the proceeds, shall be transferred from the Vacant Building and Excess Land Cash Fund as follows:
 - a. First, not exceeding \$5,307,000 to the General Fund; then
 - b. Not exceeding \$3,000,000 of available proceeds remaining to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.

This legislative bill contains the emergency clause.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's budget recommendations may be found in the State of Nebraska Executive Budget, 2013-2015 Biennium, which may be viewed on the Administrative Services State Budget Division's website at http://budget.nebraska.gov/das_budget/budget13/20132015.htm.

Principal Introducer: _____

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