

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB956**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 01, 2016  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Speaker Hadley  
**One Liner:** Provide for deficit appropriations

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	8	Senators Bolz, Cook, Haar, Hilkemann, Kuehn, Mello, Stinner, Watermeier
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Kintner
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Gerry Oligmueller

**Representing:**  
Governor's Office

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 956, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is part of the Governor's mid-biennium budget recommendations.

The bill makes adjustments to appropriations for state operations, aid and construction programs in the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 as well as for the next fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, provides for transfers, and modifies intent language and earmarks accompanying appropriations approved by the 104th Legislature during 2015. This legislative bill contains the emergency clause.

Detailed information regarding the Governor's budget recommendations can be found in the document entitled "Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustments, 2015-2017 Biennium" dated January 14, 2016, and may be viewed on the Administrative Services - State Budget Division's website at: [http://www.budget.ne.gov/b\\_2015-17\\_pubs.html](http://www.budget.ne.gov/b_2015-17_pubs.html).

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The amendment becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Appropriations Committee's recommendation for adjustments of existing appropriations to be made during the current and ensuing fiscal year for state operations and state aid. Statutorily authorized transfers among funds are made in conformance with budget requirements as are certain transfers from the General Fund.

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Please refer to "Appropriations Committee Budget Recommendations - Mid Biennium Budget Adjustments," published March, 2016. A narrative description of highlights of the recommendation begins on page 1. The General Fund Financial Status is on page 5, followed by narratives on the Cash Reserve Fund, General Fund revenue estimates and other transfers instrumental to the recommendation.

General Fund appropriations recommendations are discussed in greater detail beginning with page 15, with an all other funds section beginning on page 29. Appendix A starting on page 35 is a detailed list of all budget adjustments.

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Heath Mello, Chairperson