

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB661

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2015

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

LB 661, 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:

1. The State Treasurer is directed to make the following transfers:
 - a. 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 of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services;
 - b. Transfers of \$11,000,000 each year from the General Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund as provided in section 61-222 on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator;
 - c. A transfer of \$69,184 on or before July 6, 2015 and a transfer of \$465,847 on or before July 6, 2016 from the Corporation Cash Fund to the Election Administration Fund to help finance the Secretary of State's election administration operations;
 - d. Two separate transfers of \$198,000,000 from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to continue and expand the property tax relief provided by the state pursuant to the Property Tax Credit Act enacted in 2007;
 - e. Two separate transfers of an amount not to exceed \$750,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund as directed by the budget administrator as the final two installments of the state's contribution to the endowment fund as provided in section 82-331;

f. A transfer of \$147,000 from the City of the Metropolitan Class Development Fund to the Personnel Division Revolving Fund on July 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible;

g. A transfer of \$98,000 from the City of the Primary Class Development Fund to the Personnel Division Revolving Fund on July 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible; and

h. A transfer of \$150,000 from the Convention Center Support Fund to the General Fund on July 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.

2. The Republican River Compact Litigation Contingency Cash Fund is created and is to be used by the Director of the Department of Administrative Services to make payments in an amount up to \$5,500,000 in accordance with any order of the U.S. Supreme Court pursuant to *Kansas v. Nebraska*, No. 126 Original.

3. Amends section 9-1,101 to provide an increase in the annual transfer from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund from \$50,000 to \$250,000 beginning in 2017;

4. Amends section 13-2610 to provide that transfers may be made from the Convention Center Director of the Department of Administrative Services to make payments in an amount up to \$5,500,000 in accordance with any order of the U.S. Supreme Court pursuant to *Kansas v. Nebraska*, No. 126 Original. Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund from \$50,000 to \$250,000 beginning in 2017; Support Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature and to provide authorization for annual transfers from the Convention Center Support Fund to the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund of thirty percent of the state sales tax revenue collected by certain retailers and operators as provided under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act;

5. Amends section 81-1354.05 to provide that the Personnel Division Revolving Fund shall, in addition to funds received under current law, consist of assessments charged to state agencies, boards, and commissions for human service management services. Section 81-1354.05 is further amended to provide for a schedule of the timing for when such payments shall be made by agencies;

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 – 2015-2017 Biennium](#), which may be viewed on the Department of Administrative Services State Budget Division's website at http://budget.nebraska.gov/b_2015-17_pubs.html.

Principal Introducer: _____

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