

AMENDMENTS TO LB808

Introduced by Agriculture.

1           1. Strike original sections 5 and 6.

2           2. Insert the following new sections:

3           Sec. 5. Section 2-1506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2016, is amended to read:

5           2-1506 (1) The goals of the Water Sustainability Fund are to: (a)  
6 Provide financial assistance to programs, projects, or activities that  
7 increase aquifer recharge, reduce aquifer depletion, and increase  
8 streamflow; (b) remediate or mitigate threats to drinking water; (c)  
9 promote the goals and objectives of approved integrated management plans  
10 or ground water management plans; (d) contribute to multiple water supply  
11 management goals including flood control, reducing threats to property  
12 damage, agricultural uses, community garden purposes pursuant to the  
13 Community Food Production Act, municipal and industrial uses,  
14 recreational benefits, wildlife habitat, conservation, and preservation  
15 of water resources; (e) assist municipalities with the cost of  
16 constructing, upgrading, developing, and replacing sewer infrastructure  
17 facilities as part of a combined sewer overflow project; (f) provide  
18 increased water productivity and enhance water quality; (g) use the most  
19 cost-effective solutions available; and (h) comply with interstate  
20 compacts, decrees, other state contracts and agreements and federal law.

21           (2) The Legislature finds that the goals of the Water Sustainability  
22 Fund can be met by equally considering programs, projects, or activities  
23 in the following categories: (a) Research, data, and modeling; (b)  
24 rehabilitation or restoration of water supply infrastructure, new water  
25 supply infrastructure, or water supply infrastructure maintenance or  
26 flood prevention for protection of critical infrastructure; (c)  
27 conjunctive management, storage, and integrated management of ground

1 water and surface water; and (d) compliance with interstate compacts or  
2 agreements or other formal state contracts or agreements or federal law.

3 Sec. 6. Section 2-1508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2016, is amended to read:

5 2-1508 The commission shall rank and score applications for funding  
6 based on criteria that demonstrate the extent to which a program,  
7 project, or activity:

8 (1) Remediates or mitigates threats to drinking water;

9 (2) Meets the goals and objectives of an approved integrated  
10 management plan or ground water management plan;

11 (3) Contributes to water sustainability goals by increasing aquifer  
12 recharge, reducing aquifer depletion, or increasing streamflow;

13 (4) Contributes to multiple water supply management goals,  
14 including, but not limited to, flood control, agricultural use, community  
15 garden purposes pursuant to the Community Food Production Act, municipal  
16 and industrial uses, recreational benefits, wildlife habitat,  
17 conservation of water resources, and preservation of water resources;

18 (5) Maximizes the beneficial use of Nebraska's water resources for  
19 the benefit of the state's residents;

20 (6) Is cost-effective;

21 (7) Helps the state meet its obligations under interstate compacts,  
22 decrees, or other state contracts or agreements or federal law;

23 (8) Reduces threats to property damage or protects critical  
24 infrastructure that consists of the physical assets, systems, and  
25 networks vital to the state or the United States such that their  
26 incapacitation would have a debilitating effect on public security or  
27 public health and safety;

28 (9) Improves water quality;

29 (10) Has utilized all available funding resources of the local  
30 jurisdiction to support the program, project, or activity;

31 (11) Has a local jurisdiction with plans in place that support

1 sustainable water use;

2 (12) Addresses a statewide problem or issue;

3 (13) Contributes to the state's ability to leverage state dollars  
4 with local or federal government partners or other partners to maximize  
5 the use of its resources;

6 (14) Contributes to watershed health and function; and

7 (15) Uses objectives described in the annual report and plan of work  
8 for the state water planning and review process issued by the department.

9 3. On page 2, line 3, strike the new matter.

10 4. On page 3, strike lines 11 and 12; in line 13 strike "(4)" and  
11 insert "(2)"; in lines 17 and 19 strike the new matter and reinstate the  
12 stricken matter; in line 21 strike "(7)" and insert "(5)"; in line 24  
13 strike "(8)" and insert "(6)"; and in line 27 strike "(9)" and insert  
14 "(7)".

15 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.