

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB579**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 08, 2021  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Moser  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to Department of Transportation reports regarding highway construction and state intent regarding appropriations

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

Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	8	Senators Dorn, Erdman, Hilkemann, Kolterman, McDonnell, Stinner, Vargas, Wishart
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Clements
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Mike Moser  
Dennis Hirschbrunner  
Shandy Hand  
Jon Cannon

**Representing:**

District 22  
Columbus Chamber Transportation Comm.  
Behlen Manufacturing/BMC Transportation  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

**Opponents:**

Moe Jamshidi

**Representing:**

Nebraska Department of Transportation

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 579 states legislative intent to appropriate \$70 million from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation (NDOT) to repair damages to the infrastructure of highways, roads, and bridges damaged by the 2019 floods and for the NDOT to apply for federal emergency funds to reimburse the General Fund for such expenditure.

The bill would add to reporting requirements under 39-1365.02, which would include funds expended on the Heartland Expressway, miles yet to be completed, and expected milestone dates. The additional reporting requirements would also include all other state highway projects under construction and estimated costs of each project.

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