

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB666**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 01, 2021  
**Committee On:** Business and Labor  
**Introducer:** Business and Labor  
**One Liner:** Provide for payment of claims against the state

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Blood, Gragert, Halloran, Hansen, B., Hansen, M., Hunt, Lathrop  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Ben Hansen  
Allen Simpson  
Dennis DeRossett  
Stephanie Caldwell  
John Albin  
Regina Shields  
Patrick H. Cole  
Jeremy Elder  
  
Stephanie DeGroot  
Tamra L. Walz  
Kara Valentine  
Michael Greenlee

**Representing:**

Introducer  
State of Nebraska- Risk Management  
NE Press Association  
NE Attorney General  
Department of Labor  
State Fire Marshal  
NE Game and Parks Commission  
NE Department of Correctional Services, Cornhusker State Industries  
Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
NE Department of Veterans  
NE Department of Environment and Energy Deputy Director  
DHHS

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Cindy S. H. Kehling  
Jody Schmidt  
Teresa Zulauf  
Jason Walters

**Representing:**

Board of Educational Lands and Funds  
Supreme Court  
NE Public Employees Retirement Systems  
NE State Treasurer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB666 was introduced at the request of the state Risk Manager. The bill presents claims against the State which are required to be reviewed and appropriated by the Legislature

Section by Section Summary:

Sec 1. Miscellaneous Claim Number 2021-2089 to be paid out of general fund through Program 536 Agency 65  
Miscellaneous Claim Number CI18-2161 to be paid out of general fund through Program 536 Agency 65

Sec 2. Two workers' compensation claims to be paid out of out of the Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund through Program 593 in Agency 65

Sec 4. Write-off request by Board of Education Lands and Funds  
Write-off request by Legislative Council  
Write-off request by Department of Correctional Services  
Write-off request by Supreme Court  
Write-off request by Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Write-off request by Department of Health and Human Services  
Write-off request by Department of Veteran Affairs  
Write-off request by Department of Labor  
Write-off request by Games and Parks Commission  
Write-off request by State Fire Marshal  
Write-off request by State Treasurer  
Write-off request by Department of Labor  
Write-off request by Department of Environment and Energy  
Write-off request by Department of Insurance  
Write-off request by Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM906 replaces the original bill and adds the following:

Two tort claims to be paid out of the State Insurance Fund through Program 594 in Agency 65.

A write-off request made by the Department of Transportation.

A workers' compensation claim to be paid out of the Workers' Compensation Claims Revolving Fund.

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Ben Hansen, Chairperson