LEGISLATIVE BILL 1006

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to declare an emergency.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The milk processing industry in Nebraska has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency;

(b) Supply chain disruptions have occurred due to logistical problems getting milk from dairies to processing plants, which caused lower prices in markets and increased prices for consumers;

(c) Milk production growth has been stymied due to the insufficient capacity of dairy processing plants in Nebraska;

(d) Dairy processing plants with local stakeholders are needed to increase milk production; and

(e) Recent price inflation for construction costs make it more difficult to build new dairy processing plants.

(2) There is hereby appropriated $25,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development for the purposes described in subsection (3) of this section. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

(3)(a) The Department of Economic Development shall provide grants for construction of new dairy processing plants.

(b) Any award of a grant pursuant to this section shall be coordinated and administered by the Department of Economic Development in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(c) The recipient of a grant pursuant to this section shall only spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.