LEGISLATIVE BILL 1081

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Committee: Natural Resources

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water; to state intent to appropriate federal funds; to create a grant program for the design, construction, and implementation of water transport infrastructure as prescribed; and to provide powers and duties for the Department of Natural Resources.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two hundred million dollars from Federal Funds for fiscal year 2021-22 to the Department of Natural Resources to carry out the purposes of section 2 of this act. The Federal Funds to be appropriated 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.

Sec. 2. The Department of Natural Resources shall establish procedures and criteria for awarding grants to a municipality that utilizes more than thirty million gallons per day of water to be used for the design, construction, and implementation of additional water supply projects. Eligible projects shall include, but not be limited to, costs for a water treatment plant, land acquisition, permitting, a wellfield, pumping, and transportation of water over twenty-five miles for the purpose of providing potable water to the municipality. The department may award grants to a municipality based on criteria and procedures established by the department.