LEGISLATIVE BILL 1257

Introduced by Bostar, 29.
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Committee: Appropriations

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

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated $10,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Transportation for the purposes described in subsection (2) 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.

(2) The Department of Transportation shall use the funds appropriated in this section to coordinate and administer a competitive grant program to provide matching funds to entities for installation of a comprehensive statewide network of electric vehicle direct-current fast charging stations.

(3) For purposes of this section, (a) electric vehicle direct-current fast charging station means a metered-for-fee public-access recharging system for motor vehicles propelled in whole or in part by electricity and (b) electric vehicle direct-current fast charging station does not include a station operated exclusively for motor vehicles of a specific manufacturer, or a building or its structural components.

(4) To be eligible for a grant under the program, a private individual or entity shall:

(a) Procure hardware and install, operate, maintain, and place in service a network of new electric vehicle direct-current fast charging stations between the calendar years of 2022 through 2026. A private individual or entity shall not receive a grant under the program for an electric vehicle direct-current fast charging station installed prior to the effective date of this act; and

(b) Partner with site hosts in areas of commerce such as fuel stations, grocery stores, hotels, and municipalities located in Nebraska, including rural areas and areas unserved or underserved by electric vehicle direct-current fast charging stations.

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