AMENDMENTS TO LB531

(Amendments to AM1222)

Introduced by McKinney, 11.

1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:

1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. (1) There is hereby established the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program. The governing body of a city of the first class, a city of the second class, or a village may apply, on behalf of the city or village, to the Department of Environment and Energy for approval of a dilapidated commercial property demolition grant. The Director of Environment and Energy shall prescribe the form and manner of application.

(2) The department shall award the grants annually on a competitive basis beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 subject to available funds. The department shall give priority to applications from cities of the second class and villages. If there are funds remaining at the end of each grant period, the department shall consider applications from cities of the first class. A city or village may apply for more than one grant. The department shall give preference to new applicants.

(3) There shall be no limit on the amount that can be awarded to each applicant within the available funding. It is the intent of the Legislature that if the department does not award all of the available appropriation for grants under the program, the unobligated amount of the appropriation shall be reappropriated for the next fiscal year to be awarded during the next grant period.

Sec. 2. The Department of Environment and Energy shall award a grant to a city or village under the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program based on a completed application that demonstrates:
(1) A dilapidated commercial property within the corporate limits of
the city or village is in need of demolition;

(2) The city or village owns the property or is completing the
process prescribed in section 18-1722;

(3) The property has been abandoned or vacant for at least six
months prior to application;

(4) The property is not listed, or eligible to be listed, on the
National Register of Historic Places; and

(5) The city or village is able to contribute matching funds,
whether in cash or in-kind donations, in the amount of ten percent for a
village, fifteen percent for a city of the second class, and twenty
percent for a city of the first class.

Sec. 3. If a city or village fails to engage in the demolition of
the commercial property identified in the application for a grant under
the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program within twenty-four months
after receiving the grant, the city or village shall return the grant to
the Department of Environment and Energy. The department shall remit such
grant money to the State Treasurer for credit to the Revitalize Rural
Nebraska Fund.

Sec. 4. The Revitalize Rural Nebraska Fund is created. The
Department of Environment and Energy shall use the fund for the
Revitalize Rural Nebraska Grant Program. The fund shall include transfers
as directed by the Legislature, money from grants returned under section
3 of this act, and money from private contributions and other sources
provided for purposes of the program. Any money in the Revitalize Rural
Nebraska Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any interest earned on the fund
shall be used for the program.

Sec. 5. Section 16-312, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:
(1) The mayor of a city of the first class shall preside at all the meetings of the city council. The mayor may vote on any matter that requires either a majority vote of the city council members or a majority vote of all the elected members of the city council if (a) the mayor's vote is required due to the city council members being equally divided or (b) a majority of the city council members or majority vote of all the elected members cannot be reached due to absence, vacancy, or abstention of one or more city council members. For purposes of such vote, the mayor is deemed to be a member of the city council.

(2) The mayor shall have the right to vote when his or her vote will provide the additional vote required to create a number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the city council. He or she shall have the superintending control of all the officers and affairs of the city and shall take care that the ordinances of the city and the provisions of law relating to cities of the first class are complied with. The mayor may administer oaths and shall sign the commissions and appointments of all the officers appointed in the city.

Sec. 6. Section 16-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

16-404 (1) All ordinances and resolutions or orders for the appropriation or payment of money in a city of the first class shall require for their passage or adoption the concurrence of a majority of all elected members of the city council. The mayor may vote on any such matter if (a) the mayor's vote is required due to the city council members being equally divided or (b) a majority vote of all the elected members cannot be reached due to absence, vacancy, or abstention of one or more city council members. For purposes of such vote, the mayor is deemed to be a member of the city council when his or her vote will provide the additional vote required to create a number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the city council, and the
mayor shall, for the purpose of such vote, be deemed to be a member of
the city council.

(2)(a) Ordinances of a general or permanent nature in a city of the
first class shall be read by title on three different days unless three-
fourths of the city council members vote to suspend this requirement,
except that in a city having a commission plan of government such
requirement may be suspended by a three-fifths majority vote.

(b) Regardless of the form of government, such requirement shall not
be suspended (i) for any ordinance for the annexation of territory or the
redrawing of boundaries for city council election districts or wards
except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section or (ii) as
otherwise provided by law.

(c) In case such requirement is suspended, the ordinances shall be
read by title or number and then moved for final passage.

(d) Three-fourths of the city council members may require a reading
of any such ordinance in full before enactment under either procedure set
out in this section, except that in a city having a commission plan of
government, such reading may be required by a three-fifths majority vote.

(3) Ordinances in a city of the first class shall contain no subject
which is not clearly expressed in the title, and, except as provided in
section 19-915, no ordinance or section thereof shall be revised or
amended unless the new ordinance contains the entire ordinance or section
as revised or amended and the ordinance or section so amended is
repealed, except that:

(a) For an ordinance revising all the ordinances of a city of the
first class, the only title necessary shall be An ordinance of the city
of .........., revising all the ordinances of the city. Under such title
all the ordinances may be revised in sections and chapters or otherwise,
may be corrected, added to, and any part suppressed, and may be repealed
with or without a saving clause as to the whole or any part without other
title; and
(b) For an ordinance used solely to revise ordinances or code sections or to enact new ordinances or code sections in order to adopt statutory changes made by the Legislature which are specific and mandatory and bring the ordinances or code sections into conformance with state law, the title need only state that the ordinance revises those ordinances or code sections affected by or enacts ordinances or code sections generated by legislative changes. Under such title, all such ordinances or code sections may be revised, repealed, or enacted in sections and chapters or otherwise by a single ordinance without other title.

(4) Following the release of the 2020 Census of Population data by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, as required by Public Law 94-171, the city council of any city of the first class requesting the adjustment of the boundaries of election districts shall provide to the election commissioner or county clerk (a) written notice of the need and necessity of his or her office to perform such adjustments and (b) a revised election district boundary map that has been approved by the requesting city council and subjected to all public review and challenge ordinances of the city by December 30, 2021. The revised election district boundary map shall be adopted by ordinance. Such ordinance shall be read by title on three different days unless three-fourths of the city council members vote to suspend this requirement.

Sec. 7. Section 16-503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

16-503 On the passage or adoption of every resolution or order to enter into a contract, or accepting of work done under contract, by the mayor or city council of a city of the first class, the yeas and nays shall be called and entered upon the record. To pass or adopt any bylaw or ordinance or any such resolution or order, a concurrence of a majority of all elected the whole number of the members of elected to the city
council shall be required. The mayor may vote on any such matter if (1) the mayor's vote is required due to the city council members being equally divided or (2) a majority vote of all the elected members of the city council cannot be reached due to absence, vacancy, or abstention of one or more city council members. For purposes of such vote, the mayor is deemed to be a member of the city council when his or her vote will provide the additional vote required to create a number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the city council, and the mayor shall, for the purpose of such vote, be deemed to be a member of the city council. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a city which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each city council member to be readily seen by the public.

Sec. 8. Section 17-110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17-110 (1) The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the city council of a city of the second class. The mayor may vote on any matter that requires either a majority vote of the city council or a majority vote of all the elected members of the city council if (a) the mayor's vote is required due to the city council members being equally divided or (b) a majority of the city council members or majority vote of all the elected members cannot be reached due to absence, vacancy, or abstention of one or more city council members. For purposes of such vote, the mayor is deemed to be a member of the city council.

(2) The mayor when his or her vote would provide the additional vote required to attain the number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the city council on any pending matter, legislation, or transaction, and the mayor shall, for the purpose of such vote, be deemed to be a member of the city council. He or she shall have superintendence and control of all the officers and affairs of the city and shall take care that the ordinances of the city and all laws
governing cities of the second class are complied with.

Sec. 9. Section 17-614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17-614 (1)(a) All ordinances and resolutions or orders for the appropriation or payment of money shall require for their passage or adoption the concurrence of a majority of all elected members of elected to the city council in a city of the second class or village board of trustees. The mayor of a city of the second class may vote on any such matter if (i) the mayor's vote is required due to the city council members being equally divided or (ii) a majority vote of all the elected members of the city council cannot be reached due to absence, vacancy, or abstention of one or more city council members. For purposes of such vote, the mayor is deemed to be a member of the city council when his or her vote would provide the additional vote required to attain the number of votes equal to a majority of the number of members elected to the city council, and the mayor shall, for the purpose of such vote, be deemed to be a member of the city council.

(b) Ordinances of a general or permanent nature shall be read by title on three different days unless three-fourths of the city council or village board of trustees vote to suspend this requirement. Such requirement shall not be suspended (i) for any ordinance for the annexation of territory or the redrawing of boundaries for city council or village board of trustees election districts or wards except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section or (ii) as otherwise provided by law.

(c) In case such requirement is suspended, the ordinances shall be read by title and then moved for final passage.

(d) Three-fourths of the city council or village board of trustees may require a reading of any such ordinance in full before enactment under either procedure set out in this section.

(2) Ordinances shall contain no subject which is not clearly
expressed in the title, and, except as provided in section 19-915, no
ordinance or section of such ordinance shall be revised or amended unless
the new ordinance contains the entire ordinance or section as revised or
amended and the ordinance or section so amended is repealed, except that:

(a) For an ordinance revising all the ordinances of the city of the
second class or village, the title need only state that the ordinance
revises all the ordinances of the city or village. Under such title all
the ordinances may be revised in sections and chapters or otherwise, may
be corrected, added to, and any part suppressed, and may be repealed with
or without a saving clause as to the whole or any part without other
title; and

(b) For an ordinance used solely to revise ordinances or code
sections or to enact new ordinances or code sections in order to adopt
statutory changes made by the Legislature which are specific and
mandatory and bring the ordinances or code sections into conformance with
state law, the title need only state that the ordinance revises those
ordinances or code sections affected by or enacts ordinances or code
sections generated by legislative changes. Under such title, all such
ordinances or code sections may be revised, repealed, or enacted in
sections and chapters or otherwise by a single ordinance without other
title.

(3) Following the release of the 2020 Census of Population data by
the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, as
required by Public Law 94-171, the city council of any city of the second
class or village board of trustees requesting the adjustment of the
boundaries of election districts shall provide to the election
commissioner or county clerk (a) written notice of the need and necessity
of his or her office to perform such adjustments and (b) a revised
election district boundary map that has been approved by the requesting
city council or village board of trustees and subjected to all public
review and challenge ordinances of the city or village by December 30,
2021. The revised election district boundary map shall be adopted by ordinance. Such ordinance shall be read by title on three different days unless three-fourths of the members of the city council or village board of trustees vote to suspend this requirement.

Sec. 10. Section 18-2101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2101 Sections 18-2101 to 18-2155 and sections 18 and 19 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Community Development Law.

Sec. 11. Section 18-2101.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2101.02 (1) For any city that (a) intends to carry out a redevelopment project which will involve the construction of workforce housing in an extremely blighted area as authorized under subdivision (28)(g) of section 18-2103, (b) intends to prepare a redevelopment plan that will divide ad valorem taxes for a period of more than fifteen years but not more than twenty years as provided in subdivision (4)(a) (3)(a) of section 18-2147, (c) intends to declare an area as an extremely blighted area for purposes of funding decisions under subdivision (1)(b) of section 58-708, or (d) intends to declare an area as an extremely blighted area in order for individuals purchasing residences in such area to qualify for the income tax credit authorized in subsection (7) of section 77-2715.07, the governing body of such city shall first declare, by resolution adopted after the public hearings required under this section, such area to be an extremely blighted area.

(2) Prior to making such declaration, the governing body of the city shall conduct or cause to be conducted a study or an analysis on whether the area is extremely blighted and shall submit the question of whether such area is extremely blighted to the planning commission or board of the city for its review and recommendation. The planning commission or board shall hold a public hearing on the question after giving notice of the hearing as provided in section 18-2115.01. The planning commission or
board shall submit its written recommendations to the governing body of the city within thirty days after the public hearing.

(3) Upon receipt of the recommendations of the planning commission or board, or if no recommendations are received within thirty days after the public hearing required under subsection (2) of this section, the governing body shall hold a public hearing on the question of whether the area is extremely blighted after giving notice of the hearing as provided in section 18-2115.01. At the public hearing, all interested parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the proposed declaration. After such hearing, the governing body of the city may make its declaration.

(4) Copies of each study or analysis conducted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be posted on the city's public website or made available for public inspection at a location designated by the city.

(5) The study or analysis required under subsection (2) of this section may be conducted in conjunction with the study or analysis required under section 18-2109. The hearings required under this section may be held in conjunction with the hearings required under section 18-2109.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Community Development Law, the designation of an area as an extremely blighted area pursuant to this section shall be valid for a period of no less than twenty-five years from the effective date of the resolution declaring such area to be an extremely blighted area, except that such designation may be removed prior to the end of such period pursuant to section 18 of this act.

Sec. 12. Section 18-2105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2105  (1) The governing body of a city or an authority at its direction for the purposes of the Community Development Law may formulate
for the city entire municipality a workable program for utilizing appropriate private and public resources to eliminate or prevent the development or spread of urban blight, to encourage needed urban rehabilitation, to provide for the redevelopment of substandard and blighted areas, or to undertake any or all of such of the aforesaid activities or other feasible municipal activities as may be suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such workable program. Such workable program may include, without limitation, provision for (a) the prevention of the spread of blight into areas of the city municipality which are free from blight through diligent enforcement of housing, zoning, and occupancy controls and standards; (b) the rehabilitation or conservation of substandard and blighted areas or portions of such areas thereof by replanning, removing congestion, and providing parks, playgrounds, and other public improvements by encouraging voluntary rehabilitation and by compelling the repair and rehabilitation of deteriorated or deteriorating structures; and (c) the clearance and redevelopment of substandard and blighted areas or portions of such areas thereof.

(2) As part of a workable program formulated under subsection (1) of this section, the governing body of a city or an authority may develop guidelines for the consideration or approval of redevelopment projects that are financed in whole or in part through the division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147. Such guidelines may establish general goals and priorities for the use of funds from such division of taxes or limitations or restrictions on the use of funds from such division of taxes within such city.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Community Development Law, where the local governing body certifies that an area is in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation as a result of flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, storm, or other catastrophe respecting which the Governor of the state has certified the need for disaster assistance
under federal law, the local governing body may approve a redevelopment plan and a redevelopment project with respect to such area without regard to the provisions of the Community Development Law requiring a general plan for the city municipality and notice and public hearing or findings other than as provided in this section herein set forth.

Sec. 13. Section 18-2109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2109 (1) A redevelopment plan for a redevelopment project area shall not be prepared and the governing body of the city in which such area is located shall not approve a redevelopment plan unless the governing body has, by resolution adopted after the public hearings required under this section, declared such area to be a substandard and blighted area in need of redevelopment.

(2) Prior to making such declaration, the governing body of the city shall conduct or cause to be conducted a study or an analysis on whether the area is substandard and blighted and shall submit the question of whether such area is substandard and blighted to the planning commission or board of the city for its review and recommendation. The planning commission or board shall hold a public hearing on the question after giving notice of the hearing as provided in section 18-2115.01. The planning commission or board shall submit its written recommendations to the governing body of the city within thirty days after the public hearing.

(3) Upon receipt of the recommendations of the planning commission or board, or if no recommendations are received within thirty days after the public hearing required under subsection (2) of this section, the governing body shall hold a public hearing on the question of whether the area is substandard and blighted after giving notice of the hearing as provided in section 18-2115.01. At the public hearing, all interested parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views respecting the proposed declaration. After such hearing, the governing
body of the city may adopt a resolution declaring that substandard and blighted conditions exist in the area under study. After the governing body has declared that substandard and blighted conditions exist in the area under study, the governing body may, by one or more resolutions, declare such area or any portion of such area to be a substandard and blighted area without further public hearing.

(4) Copies of each substandard and blighted study or analysis conducted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be posted on the city's public website or made available for public inspection at a location designated by the city.

Sec. 14. Section 18-2117.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2117.01 (1)(a) On or before December 1 each year, each city which has approved one or more redevelopment plans which are financed in whole or in part through the division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147 shall provide a report to the Property Tax Administrator on each such redevelopment plan which includes the following information:

(i) A copy of the redevelopment plan and any amendments thereto, including the date upon which the redevelopment plan was approved, the effective date for dividing the ad valorem tax as provided to the county assessor pursuant to subsection (6) (5) of section 18-2147, and the location and boundaries of the property in the redevelopment project; and

(ii) A short narrative description of the type of development undertaken by the city or village with the financing and the type of business or commercial activity locating within the redevelopment project area as a result of the redevelopment project.

(b) If a city has approved one or more redevelopment plans using an expedited review under section 18-2155, the city may file a single report under this subsection for all such redevelopment plans.

(2) The report required under subsection (1) of this section must be filed each year, regardless of whether the information in the report has
changed, except that a city is not required to refile a copy of the
redevelopment plan or an amendment thereto if such copy or amendment has
previously been filed.

(3) The Property Tax Administrator shall compile a report for each
active redevelopment project, based upon information provided by the
cities pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and information
reported by the county assessor or county clerk on the certificate of
taxes levied pursuant to section 77-1613.01. Each report shall be
electronically transmitted to the Clerk of the Legislature not later than
March 1 each year. The report may include any recommendations of the
Property Tax Administrator as to what other information should be
included in the report from the cities so as to facilitate analysis of
the uses, purposes, and effectiveness of tax-increment financing and the
process for its implementation or to streamline the reporting process
provided for in this section to eliminate unnecessary paperwork.

Sec. 15. Section 18-2117.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
is amended to read:

18-2117.02 On or before May 1 of each year, each authority, or such
other division or department of the city as designated by the governing
body, shall compile information regarding the approval and progress of
redevelopment projects that are financed in whole or in part through the
division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147 and report such
information to the governing body of the city and to the governing body
of each county, school district, community college area, educational
service unit, and natural resources district whose property taxes are
affected by such division of taxes. The report shall include, but not be
limited to, the following information:

(1) The total number of active redevelopment projects within the
city that have been financed in whole or in part through the division of
taxes as provided in section 18-2147;

(2) The total estimated project costs for all such redevelopment
(3) The estimated amount of outstanding indebtedness related to each such redevelopment project and an estimated date by which such indebtedness is expected to be paid in full;

(4) A comparison between the initial projected valuation of property included in each such redevelopment project as described in the redevelopment contract or, for redevelopment projects approved using an expedited review under section 18-2155, in the redevelopment plan and the assessed value of the property included in each such redevelopment project as of January 1 of the year of the report;

(5) The number of such redevelopment projects approved by the governing body in the previous calendar year;

(6) Information specific to each such redevelopment project approved by the governing body in the previous calendar year, including the project area, project type, amount of financing approved, and total estimated project costs;

(7) The number of redevelopment projects for which financing has been paid in full during the previous calendar year and for which taxes are no longer being divided pursuant to section 18-2147; and

(8) The percentage of the city that has been designated as blighted.

Sec. 16. Section 18-2142.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

18-2142.05 Prior to approving a redevelopment project that expressly carries out the construction of workforce housing, a governing body shall (1) receive a housing study which is current within twenty-four months for any city of the metropolitan class or current within sixty months for any other city or village, (2) prepare an incentive plan for construction of housing in the municipality targeted to house existing or new workers, (3) hold a public hearing on such incentive plan with notice which complies with the conditions set forth in section 18-2115.01, and (4)
after the public hearing find that such incentive plan is necessary to
prevent the spread of blight and substandard conditions within the
municipality, will promote additional safe and suitable housing for
individuals and families employed in the municipality, and will not
result in the unjust enrichment of any individual or company. A public
hearing held under this section shall be separate from any public hearing
held under section 18-2115.

Sec. 17. Section 18-2147, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-2147 (1) Any redevelopment plan as originally approved or as
later modified pursuant to section 18-2117 may contain a provision that
any ad valorem tax levied upon real property, or any portion thereof, in
a redevelopment project for the benefit of any public body shall be
divided, for the applicable period described in subsection (4) (3) of
this section, as follows:

(a) That portion of the ad valorem tax which is produced by the levy
at the rate fixed each year by or for each such public body upon the
redevelopment project valuation shall be paid into the funds of each such
public body in the same proportion as are all other taxes collected by or
for the body. When there is not a redevelopment project valuation on a
parcel or parcels, the county assessor shall determine the redevelopment
project valuation based upon the fair market valuation of the parcel or
parcels as of January 1 of the year prior to the year that the ad valorem
taxes are to be divided. The county assessor shall provide written notice
of the redevelopment project valuation to the authority as defined in
section 18-2103 and the owner. The authority or owner may protest the
valuation to the county board of equalization within thirty days after
the date of the valuation notice. All provisions of section 77-1502
except dates for filing of a protest, the period for hearing protests,
and the date for mailing notice of the county board of equalization's
decision are applicable to any protest filed pursuant to this section.
The county board of equalization shall decide any protest filed pursuant to this section within thirty days after the filing of the protest. The county clerk shall mail a copy of the decision made by the county board of equalization on protests pursuant to this section to the authority or owner within seven days after the board's decision. Any decision of the county board of equalization may be appealed to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, in accordance with section 77-5013, within thirty days after the date of the decision;

(b) That portion of the ad valorem tax on real property, as provided in the redevelopment contract, bond resolution, or redevelopment plan, as applicable, in the redevelopment project in excess of such amount, if any, shall be allocated to and, when collected, paid into a special fund of the authority to be used solely to pay the principal of, the interest on, and any premiums due in connection with the bonds of, loans, notes, or advances of money to, or indebtedness incurred by, whether funded, refunded, assumed, or otherwise, such authority for financing or refinancing, in whole or in part, the redevelopment project. When such bonds, loans, notes, advances of money, or indebtedness, including interest and premiums due, have been paid, the authority shall so notify the county assessor and county treasurer and all ad valorem taxes upon taxable real property in such a redevelopment project shall be paid into the funds of the respective public bodies. An authority may use a single fund for purposes of this subdivision for all redevelopment projects or may use a separate fund for each redevelopment project; and

(c) Any interest and penalties due for delinquent taxes shall be paid into the funds of each public body in the same proportion as are all other taxes collected by or for the public body.

(2) To the extent that a redevelopment plan authorizes the division of ad valorem taxes levied upon only a portion of the real property included in such redevelopment plan, any improvements funded by such division of taxes shall be related to the redevelopment plan that
authorized such division of taxes.

(3)(a) For any redevelopment plan located in a city of the metropolitan class that includes a division of taxes, as provided in this section, that produces, in whole or in part, funds to be used directly or indirectly for (i) new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of housing for households with annual incomes below the area median income for households and located within six hundred yards of a public passenger streetcar or (ii) new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of single-family housing or condominium housing used as primary residences for individuals with annual incomes below the area median income for individuals, such housing shall be deemed related to the redevelopment plan that authorized such division of taxes regardless of whether such housing is or will be located on real property within such redevelopment plan, as long as such housing supports activities occurring on or identified in such redevelopment plan.

(b) During each fiscal year in which the funds described in subdivision (a) of this subsection are available, the authority and city shall make best efforts to allocate not less than thirty percent of such funds to single-family housing deemed related to the redevelopment plan described under such subdivision.

(c) In selecting projects to receive funding, the authority and city shall develop a qualified allocation plan and give first priority to financially viable projects that serve the lowest income occupants for the longest period of time.

(4)(a) (3)(a) For any redevelopment plan for which more than fifty percent of the property in the redevelopment project area has been declared an extremely blighted area in accordance with section 18-2101.02, ad valorem taxes shall be divided for a period not to exceed twenty years after the effective date as identified in the project redevelopment contract or in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 18-2124.
(b) For all other redevelopment plans, ad valorem taxes shall be divided for a period not to exceed fifteen years after the effective date as identified in the project redevelopment contract, in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to section 18-2124, or in the redevelopment plan, whichever is applicable.

(5) (4) The effective date of a provision dividing ad valorem taxes as provided in subsection (4) (3) of this section shall not occur until such time as the real property in the redevelopment project is within the corporate boundaries of the city. This subsection shall not apply to a redevelopment project involving a formerly used defense site as authorized in section 18-2123.01.

(6) (5) Beginning August 1, 2006, all notices of the provision for dividing ad valorem taxes shall be sent by the authority to the county assessor on forms prescribed by the Property Tax Administrator. The notice shall be sent to the county assessor on or before August 1 of the year of the effective date of the provision. Failure to satisfy the notice requirement of this section shall result in the taxes, for all taxable years affected by the failure to give notice of the effective date of the provision, remaining undivided and being paid into the funds for each public body receiving property taxes generated by the property in the redevelopment project. However, the redevelopment project valuation for the remaining division of ad valorem taxes in accordance with subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this section shall be the last certified valuation for the taxable year prior to the effective date of the provision to divide the taxes for the remaining portion of the twenty-year or fifteen-year period pursuant to subsection (4) (3) of this section.

Sec. 18. (1) If an area has been designated as a substandard and blighted area under section 18-2109 or an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02, the governing body of the city may review such area at any time to determine whether the area is still eligible for the
relevant designation. As part of such review, the governing body may, but
need not:

(a) Examine any study or analysis of such area conducted pursuant to
section 18-2101.02 or 18-2109 to determine whether the conditions that
led to the relevant designation still exist; and

(b) Examine the conditions within the area to determine whether the
area still qualifies as a blighted area, a substandard area, or an
extremely blighted area as such terms are defined in section 18-2103.

(2) If a review is conducted under this section and the governing
body of the city finds that an area is no longer a substandard and
blighted area or an extremely blighted area, the governing body may
remove the relevant designation by passing a resolution declaring such
area to no longer be a substandard and blighted area or an extremely
blighted area. If the same area has been designated as both a substandard
and blighted area and an extremely blighted area, the governing body may
remove both designations in a single resolution.

(3) Removal of a substandard and blighted area designation or an
extremely blighted area designation pursuant to this section shall not
affect the validity of (a) any redevelopment plan or redevelopment
project involving such area that was approved prior to the removal of
such designation or (b) any bond, security for such bond, redevelopment
contract, or agreement relating to such a redevelopment plan or
redevelopment project.

Sec. 19. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, if an area has been
designated as a substandard and blighted area under section 18-2109 or an
extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02 for more than thirty
years, the governing body of the city shall not approve a new
redevelopment plan or redevelopment project within such area unless and
until the city conducts an analysis of the redevelopment projects that
have occurred within such area. The analysis shall, at a minimum, include
an assessment of the factors contributing to the lack of redevelopment in
those parts of the area where significant redevelopment has not occurred
and goals for the future redevelopment of the area. The analysis shall be
provided to the planning commission or board of the city and to the
governing body of the city. A copy of such analysis shall be made
available for public inspection at a location designated by the city.

(2) This section does not apply to the downtown area of a city of
the first class, city of the second class, or village. For purposes of
this section, downtown area means the urban core of population density
and concentrated commercial activity.

Sec. 20. Section 18-2155, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
amended to read:

18-2155 (1) The governing body of a city may elect by resolution to
allow expedited reviews of redevelopment plans that meet the requirements
of subsection (2) of this section. A redevelopment plan that receives an
expedited review pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the
requirements of sections 18-2111 to 18-2115 and 18-2116.

(2) A redevelopment plan is eligible for expedited review under this
section if:

(a) The redevelopment plan includes only one redevelopment project;
(b) The redevelopment project involves:
   (i) The repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of an existing
structure that has been within the corporate limits of the city for at
least sixty years and is located within a substandard and blighted area;
or
   (ii) The redevelopment of a vacant lot that is located within a
substandard and blighted area that has been within the corporate limits
of the city for at least sixty years and has been platted for at least
sixty years;
(c) The redevelopment project is located in a county with a
population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants; and
(d) The assessed value of the property within the redevelopment
project area when the project is complete is estimated to be no more
than:

(i) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars for a redevelopment project
involving a single-family residential structure;

(ii) One million five hundred thousand dollars for a redevelopment
project involving a multi-family residential structure or commercial
structure; or

(iii) Ten million dollars for a redevelopment project involving the
revitalization of a structure included in the National Register of
Historic Places.

(3) The governing body of a city that elects to allow expedited
reviews of redevelopment plans under this section may establish by
resolution an annual limit on the number of such redevelopment plans that
may be approved by the governing body.

(4) (a) The expedited review shall consist of the following steps:

A redeveloper shall prepare the redevelopment plan using a
standard form developed by the Department of Economic Development. The
form shall include (i) the existing uses and condition of the property
within the redevelopment project area, (ii) the proposed uses of the
property within the redevelopment project area, (iii) the number of years
the existing structure has been within the corporate limits of the city
or the number of years that the vacant lot has been platted within the
corporate limits of the city, whichever is applicable, (iv) the current
assessed value of the property within the redevelopment project area, (v)
the increase in the assessed value of the property within the
redevelopment project area that is estimated to occur as a result of the
redevelopment project, and (vi) an indication of whether the
redevelopment project will be financed in whole or in part through the
division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147, and (vii) the agreed-
upon costs of the redevelopment project;

(b) The redeveloper shall submit the redevelopment plan directly to
the governing body along with any building permit or other permits necessary to complete the redevelopment project and an application fee in an amount set by the governing body, not to exceed fifty dollars. Such application fee shall be separate from any fees for building permits or other permits needed for the project; and

(c) The governing body has elected to allow expedited reviews of redevelopment plans under subsection (1) of this section and the submitted redevelopment plan meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, the governing body shall determine whether to approve or deny the redevelopment plan within thirty days after submission of the plan. A redevelopment plan may be denied if:

(i) The redevelopment plan does not meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section;

(ii) Approval of the redevelopment plan would exceed the annual limit established under subsection (3) of this section; or

(iii) The redevelopment plan is inconsistent with the city’s comprehensive development plan.

(5) Each city may select the appropriate employee or department to conduct expedited reviews pursuant to this section.

(6) For any approved redevelopment project that is financed in whole or in part through the division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147:

(a) The authority shall incur indebtedness related to the redevelopment project which in the form of a promissory note issued to the owner of record of the property within the redevelopment project area. The total amount of indebtedness shall not exceed the lesser of the agreed-upon costs of the redevelopment project or the amount estimated to be generated over a fifteen-year period from the portion of taxes mentioned in subdivision (1)(b) of section 18-2147. Such terms of such promissory note shall clearly state that such indebtedness shall not create a general obligation on behalf of the authority or the
city in the event that the amount generated over a fifteen-year period from the portion of taxes mentioned in subdivision (1)(b) of section 18-2147 does not equal the costs of the agreed-upon work to repair, rehabilitate, or replace the structure or to redevelop the vacant lot as provided in the redevelopment plan; 

(b) Upon completion of the agreed-upon work to repair, rehabilitate, or replace the structure or to redevelop the vacant lot as provided in the redevelopment plan, the redeveloper shall notify the county assessor of such completion; and 

(c) The county assessor shall then determine: 

(i) Whether the redevelopment project is complete. Redevelopment projects must be completed within two years after the redevelopment plan is approved under this section; and 

(ii) The assessed value of the property within the redevelopment project area. 

(7) (6) After the county assessor makes the determinations required under subdivision (6)(c) (5)(c) of this section, the county assessor shall use a standard certification form developed by the Department of Revenue to certify to the authority: 

(a) That improvements have been made and completed; 

(b) That a valuation increase has occurred; 

(c) The amount of the valuation increase; and 

(d) That the valuation increase was due to the improvements made. 

(8) (7) Once the county assessor has made the certification required under subsection (7) (6) of this section, the authority may begin to use the portion of taxes mentioned in subdivision (1)(b) of section 18-2147 to pay the indebtedness incurred by the authority under subdivision (6) (a) (5)(a) of this section. 

(9) The payments shall be remitted to the holder of the indebtedness owner of record of the property within the redevelopment project area. 

The changes made to this subsection by this legislative bill shall be
 retroactive in application and shall apply to redevelopment plans approved prior to, on, or after the effective date of this act.

(10) (8) A single fund may be used for all redevelopment projects that receive an expedited review pursuant to this section. It shall not be necessary to create a separate fund for any such project, including a project financed in whole or in part through the division of taxes as provided in section 18-2147.

(11) The governing body of a city that elects to allow expedited reviews of redevelopment plans under this section may revoke such election by resolution at any time. The revocation of such election shall not affect the validity of (a) any redevelopment plan or redevelopment project that was approved under this section prior to the revocation of such election or (b) any indebtedness incurred by the authority under subdivision (6)(a) of this section prior to the revocation of such election.

Sec. 21. Section 19-5504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

19-5504 (1) On or before July 1, 2021, and by each July 1 every two years thereafter, each city shall electronically submit a report to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature detailing its efforts to address the availability of and incentives for affordable housing through its zoning codes, ordinances, and regulations. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) An overview of the city's current residential zoning requirements;

(b) The percentage of areas within the corporate limits of the city zoned for residential use which permit the construction of multifamily housing and middle housing, including whether such areas are zoned specifically for residential use or generally allow residential use, and whether such construction is permitted with or without any additional permit requirements;
(c) A breakdown of new residential construction within the corporate limits of the city over the previous five years, including the percentage of such construction that was single-family housing, multifamily housing, and middle housing;

(d) A breakdown of residential units annexed by the city over the previous five years, including the percentage of such units that were single-family housing, multifamily housing, and middle housing;

(e) An estimate of the per-unit cost of housing within the corporate limits of the city;

(f) Whether such zoning codes, ordinances, and regulations provide for density bonuses or other concessions or incentives which encourage residential density, and the frequency with which such bonuses, concessions, or incentives are utilized;

(g) Whether such zoning codes, ordinances, and regulations allow the construction of accessory dwelling units;

(h) What incentives the city applies to encourage the development of affordable housing, including both direct incentives and regulatory relief;

(i) The percentage of areas within the corporate limits of the city zoned for residential use which have been declared substandard and blighted areas under the Community Development Law;

(j) The percentage of areas within the corporate limits of the city zoned for residential use which have been declared extremely blighted areas under the Community Development Law;

(k) A demographic analysis of the city with trends and estimates of the housing need classified by housing type and price range; and

(l) Efforts to adopt an affordable housing action plan as required under section 19-5505 or efforts to implement an affordable housing action plan after such plan is adopted.

(2) The Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may require any city to present its report to the committee at a public hearing.
Sec. 22. Section 19-5505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

19-5505 (1) On or before January 1, 2023, each city with a population of fifty thousand or more inhabitants shall adopt an affordable housing action plan. On or before January 1, 2024, each city with a population of less than fifty thousand inhabitants shall adopt an affordable housing action plan. Such action plan shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Goals for the construction of new affordable housing units, including multifamily housing and middle housing, with specific types and numbers of units, geographic locations, and specific actions to encourage the development of affordable housing, middle housing, and workforce housing;

(b) Goals for a percentage of areas in the city zoned for residential use which permit the construction of multifamily housing and middle housing;

(c) Plans for the use of federal, state, and local incentives to encourage affordable housing, middle housing, and workforce housing, including the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, tax-increment financing, federal community development block grants, density bonuses, and other nonmonetary regulatory relief; and

(d) Updates to the city's zoning codes, ordinances, and regulations to incentivize affordable housing.

(2) An affordable housing action plan required under subsection (1) of this section may be adopted as part of a city's comprehensive plan or as a separate plan.

(3) Each city that adopts an affordable housing action plan as required under subsection (1) of this section shall electronically submit a copy of such plan to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

(4) (3) Any city which fails to adopt an affordable housing action
plan as required under subsection (1) of this section shall be required

to allow the development of:

(a) Middle housing in all areas in the city zoned for residential

use that allow for the development of detached single-family dwellings;

and

(b) A duplex on each lot or parcel zoned for residential use that

allows for the development of detached single-family dwellings.

(5) (4) A city shall amend any building zoning ordinances or

regulations as needed to comply with subsection (4) (3) of this section.

Sec. 23. Section 58-209.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

amended to read:

58-209.01 Blighted area has the same meaning as in section 18-2103

shall mean an area within a city or village (1) which by reason of the

presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating

structures, defective or inadequate street layout, faulty lot layout in

relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness, unsanitary or

unsafe conditions, deterioration of site or other improvements, diversity

of ownership, tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair

value of the land, defective or unusual conditions of title, improper

subdivision or obsolete platting, or conditions which endanger life or

property by fire and other causes or any combination of such factors

substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the community,

retards the provision of housing accommodations, or constitutes an

economic or social liability and is detrimental to the public health,

safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use and (2) in

which there is at least one of the following conditions: (a) Unemployment

in the designated area is at least one hundred twenty percent of the

state or national average; (b) the average age of the residential or

commercial units in the area is at least forty years; (c) more than half

of the plotted and subdivided property in the area is unimproved land

that has been within the city or village for forty years and has remained

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unimproved during that time; (d) the per capita income of the area is lower than the average per capita income of the municipality in which the area is designated; or (e) the area has had either stable or decreasing population based on the last two decennial censuses. A city of the metropolitan, primary, or first class shall not designate more than thirty-five percent of the city as blighted, a city of the second class shall not designate an area larger than fifty percent of the city as blighted, and a village shall not designate an area larger than one hundred percent of the village as blighted.

Sec. 24. Section 61-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

61-305 (1) The Perkins County Canal Project Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Natural Resources. The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund any money transferred by the Legislature and such grants, loans, donations, gifts, bequests, or other money received from any federal or state agency or public or private source for use by the department for the canal project. Any money in the Perkins County Canal Project Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any investment earnings from investment of money in the Perkins County Canal Project Fund shall be credited to such fund, except that for fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, such investment earnings shall be credited to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund.

(2)(a) The department shall use the Perkins County Canal Project Fund for design, engineering, permitting, and options to purchase land related to building a canal as outlined by the South Platte River Compact and to contract with an independent firm for the purposes of completing a study of such canal. The study shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:

(i) Costs of completion of a canal and adjoining reservoirs as
outlined in the South Platte River Compact;

(ii) A timeline for completion of a canal and adjoining reservoirs as outlined in the South Platte River Compact;

(iii) A cost-effectiveness study examining alternatives, including alternatives that may reduce environmental or financial impacts; and

(iv) The impacts of the canal on drinking water supplies for the cities of Lincoln and Omaha.

(b) The department shall provide the findings of such study electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and present the findings at a public hearing held by the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature on or before December 31, 2022.

Sec. 25. Section 72-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

72-1001 The Nebraska Capital Construction Fund is created. The fund shall consist of revenue and transfers credited to the fund as authorized by law. Money shall be appropriated from the fund to state agencies for making payments on projects as determined by the Legislature, including, but not limited to, purchases of land, structural improvements to land, acquisition of buildings, construction of buildings, including architectural and engineering costs, replacement of or major repairs to structural improvements to land or buildings, additions to existing structures, remodeling of buildings, and acquisition of equipment and furnishings of new or remodeled buildings. The fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer as a multiple-agency-use fund and appropriated to state agencies as determined by the Legislature. Transfers may be made from the fund to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any investment earnings from investment of money in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund shall be credited to such
fund, except that for fiscal years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26, any
investment earnings from investment of money in the Nebraska Capital
Construction Fund from transfers credited to such fund that are
designated for the construction of a new state prison shall be credited
to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund.

Sec. 26. Section 76-3602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

76-3602 (1) Before conducting home inspections in this state and in
each even-numbered year, a home inspector shall register with the
Secretary of State. If the home inspector is an individual, the home
inspector shall sign such registration. If the home inspector is a firm,
partnership, corporation, company, association, limited liability
company, or other legal entity, an officer or agent of the home inspector
shall sign such registration. Such registration shall include:

(a) (1) The name of the home inspector if the home inspector is an
individual or the name of the legal entity under which such home
inspector proposes to register and transact business in this state;

(b) (2) The address of the home office of the home inspector;

(c) (3) The name and address of the agent for service of process on
the home inspector; and

(d) (4) Any national certification relating to home inspection
currently held by the home inspector.

(2) A home inspector may apply to renew a registration by submitting
an application for renewal in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State
within forty-five days prior to the expiration of the registration.

(3) A registration for a home inspector is valid for two years.

Sec. 27. Section 76-3603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

76-3603 At the time of registration or renewal of a registration
pursuant to section 76-3602, a home inspector shall:

(1) Pay a registration or renewal fee to the Secretary of State. The
Secretary of State shall set such registration or renewal fee in an amount sufficient to defray the administrative costs of registration or renewal but not to exceed three hundred dollars. The Secretary of State shall remit such registration or renewal fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Secretary of State Cash Fund; and

(2) Provide to the Secretary of State a certificate of insurance evidencing coverage in an amount of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars for general liability.

Sec. 28. Section 76-3604, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

76-3604 A home inspector shall report a change in information required by section 76-3602 or 76-3603 within forty-five calendar thirty business days of such change.

Sec. 29. Section 81-1237, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-1237 For purposes of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act:

(1) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

(2) Director means the Director of Economic Development;

(3) Eligible activities of a workforce housing investment fund means:

(a) New construction of owner-occupied housing in a neighborhood and community with a demonstrated need for housing that is affordable and attractive to first-time homebuyers, middle-income families, and the emerging workforce;

(b) Substantial repair or rehabilitation of dilapidated housing stock; or

(c) Upper-story housing development for occupation by a homeowner;

(4) HOME funds means funds awarded as formula grants under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;
(4) Matching funds means dollars contributed by individuals, businesses, foundations, local and regional political subdivisions, or other nonprofit organizations to a workforce housing investment fund administered by a nonprofit development organization;

(5) Nonprofit development organization means a regional or statewide nonprofit development organization approved by the director;

(6) Qualified activities include, for all allocations under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act, grants, loans, forgivable loans, purchase guarantees, loan guarantees, loan participations, and other credit enhancements related to eligible activities of the workforce housing investment fund;

(7) Qualified investment means a cash investment in a workforce housing investment fund administered by a nonprofit development organization;

(8) Urban community means, for all allocations under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act, any area that is:

(a) In a county with a population greater than one hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the most recent federal decennial census; and

(b)(i) Within a qualified census tract as described in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B), as such section existed on January 1, 2023; or

(ii) Within a city of the primary class. This subdivision (ii) shall apply to workforce housing grants awarded before, on, or after the effective date of this act;

(9) Workforce housing means, for all allocations under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act:

(a) Owner-occupied housing units that have a total housing construction cost an after-construction appraised value of at least one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars but not more than two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars. Total housing construction cost excludes infrastructure improvements, lot acquisition, and similar construction
preparation costs. For purposes of this subdivision, total housing
construction cost (a) and subdivision (b) of this subdivision, housing
unit after-construction appraised value shall be updated annually by the
department based upon the most recent increase or decrease in the
Producer Price Index for all commodities, published by the United States
Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;

(b) Owner-occupied housing units for which the cost to substantially
rehabilitate such units exceeds fifty percent of a unit's before-
construction assessed value, and the after-construction appraised value
is at least one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars but not more than
two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars. For purposes of this
subdivision, housing unit after-construction appraised value shall be
updated annually by the department based upon the most recent increase or
decrease in the Producer Price Index for all commodities, published by
the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

(c) Upper-story housing for occupation by a homeowner; and

(d) Housing that does not receive federal or state low-income
housing tax credits, community development block grants, HOME funds, or
funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

(10) (11) Workforce housing investment fund means a fund that has
been created by a nonprofit development organization and certified by the
director to encourage development of workforce housing in urban
communities.

Sec. 30. Section 81-1238, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

81-1238 (1) The director shall establish a workforce housing
investment grant program to foster and support the development of
workforce housing in urban communities.

(2) A nonprofit development organization may apply to the director
for approval of a workforce housing grant for a workforce housing
investment fund. The application shall be in a form and manner prescribed
by the director. Through fiscal year 2026-27, grants shall be awarded by
the director on a competitive basis until grant funds are no longer
available. Grant maximums shall not exceed five million dollars to any
one nonprofit development organization over a two-year period, with the
cumulative amount for any single grantee to be determined by the
department at the discretion of the director. An applicant shall provide
matching funds of at least one-half of the amount of workforce housing
grant funds awarded. Unallocated funds held by the department shall be
rolled to the next program year.

(3) Grants shall be awarded based upon:

(a) A demonstrated need for additional owner-occupied housing. Need
can be demonstrated with a recent housing study or a letter from the
planning department of the city in which the fund is intending to operate
stating that the proposal is in line with the city's most recent
consolidated plan submitted under 24 C.F.R. part 91, subpart D, as such
subpart existed on January 1, 2020;

(b) A neighborhood or community that has a higher-than-state-average
unemployment rate;

(c) A neighborhood or community that exhibits a demonstrated
commitment to growing its housing stock;

(d) Reducing barriers to the development and purchase of owner-
occupied housing with flexible forms of assistance, including grants,
forgivable loans, and other forms of long-term, patient financing;

(e) (d) Projects that can reasonably be ready for occupancy in a
period of twenty-four months; and

(f) (e) A demonstrated ability to grow and manage a workforce
housing investment fund.

(4) A workforce housing investment fund shall:

(a) Be required to receive annual certification from the department;

(b) Invest or intend to invest in eligible activities for a
workforce housing investment fund;

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(c) Use any fees, interest, loan repayments, or other funds received by the nonprofit development organization as a result of the administration of the grant to support qualified activities; and

(d) Have an active board of directors with expertise in development, construction, and finance that meets at least quarterly to approve all qualified investments made by the nonprofit development organization. A nonprofit development organization shall have a formal plan and proven expertise to invest unused workforce housing investment fund balances and shall conduct an annual audit of all financial records by an independent certified public accountant.

(5) A nonprofit development organization that has previously received a grant or grants under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act shall not be eligible for an additional grant under this section unless the organization has expended at least fifty percent of the funds from such previous grant or grants.

Sec. 31. Section 81-1239, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-1239 (1) The Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund is created. Funding for the grant program described in section 81-1238 shall come from the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund. The Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund may include revenue from appropriations from the Legislature, grants, private contributions, and other sources. Any money in the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

(2) The department shall establish a subaccount within the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund that shall be used to fund affordable housing and related land parcel preparation activities under the Economic Recovery Act as described in subdivisions (4)(e) and (4)(f) of section 81-12,241.
The department shall administer the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund and may seek additional private or nonstate funds to use in the grant program, including, but not limited to, contributions from the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and other interested parties.

Interest earned by the department on grant funds shall be applied to the grant program.

If a nonprofit development organization, or a recipient of subaccount funds described in subsection (2) of this section, fails to engage in a qualified activity within twenty-four months after receiving initial grant funding, the nonprofit development organization or recipient of subaccount funds shall return the grant proceeds to the department for credit to the General Fund.

Beginning July 1, 2029, any funds held by the department in the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

81-1240 (1) Each nonprofit development organization shall submit an annual report to the director to be included as a part of the department's annual status report required under section 81-1201.11. The report shall certify that the workforce housing investment fund meets the requirements of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act and shall include a breakdown of program activities.

(2) The annual report shall include, but not be limited to:
(a) The name and geographical location of the nonprofit development organization;
(b) The number, amount, and type of workforce housing investment funds invested in qualified activities;
(c) The number, geographical location, type, and amount of investments made;
(d) A summary of matching funds and where such matching funds were generated; and

(e) The results of the annual audit required under subdivision (4) (d) of section 81-1238.

(3) If a nonprofit development organization ceases administration of a workforce housing investment fund, it shall file a final report with the director in a form and manner required by the director. Before July 1, 2029, any unallocated workforce housing investment fund grant funds shall be returned for credit to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund. On and after July 1, 2029, any unallocated workforce housing investment fund grant funds shall be returned to the department for transfer to the General Fund.

(4) If a workforce housing investment fund fails to file a complete annual report by February 15, the director may, in his or her discretion, impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for such violation. All money collected by the department pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

(5) This section does not apply to the subaccount of the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Fund described in subsection (2) of section 81-1239.

Sec. 33. Section 81-1243, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-1243 The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to administer and enforce the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act, including rules, regulations, and reporting requirements relating to proposals pursuant to subdivisions (4)(e) and (f) of section 81-12,241.

Sec. 34. Section 81-12,109, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,109 (1) The department shall designate innovation hubs within
iHub areas to stimulate partnerships, economic development, and job
creation by leveraging iHub partner assets to provide an innovation
platform for startup businesses, economic development organizations,
business groups, and venture capitalists. The iHub partner assets may
include, but are not limited to, research parks, technology incubators,
universities, and federal laboratories.

(2) The department shall designate no more than four iHubs in the
first congressional district, no more than three iHubs in the second
congressional district, and no more than six iHubs in the third
congressional district.

Sec. 35. Section 81-12,110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2022, is amended to read:

81-12,110 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section,
a private nonprofit corporation may apply to the director to become
designated as an iHub. Applications shall be submitted on or after
November 1, 2022, and before June 1, 2023. The application shall include,
but not be limited to, the following:

(a) A statement of purpose;
(b) A signed statement of cooperation and a description of the roles
and relationships of each iHub partner;
(c) A clear explanation and map conveying the iHub area;
(d) A clearly identified central location for the iHub, which shall
be a physical location;
(e) A complete budget, including a description of secured funds,
pending funds, and potential future funding sources;
(f) A clearly articulated iHub management structure and plan, which
may include a description of the capabilities, qualifications, and
experience of the proposed management team, team leaders, or key
personnel who are critical to achieving the proposed objectives;
(g) A list of iHub assets and resources;
(h) A clearly articulated industry focus area of the iHub, including
industry sectors or other targeted areas for development and growth;

(i) A list of specific resources available to support and guide startup companies;

(j) A five-year plan, which shall include a clearly articulated list of goals to be achieved with the designation of the iHub;

(k) Defined performance standards agreed upon by the applicant and the proposed iHub partners, which may include expectations for job development and business creation;

(l) Evaluation procedures that will be used to measure the level of achievement for each stated goal;

(m) A plan for sustainability;

(n) Demonstrated experience with innovation programs, such as involvement with technology commercialization;

(o) Evidence of community engagement and support; and

(p) An application fee of one thousand dollars. The director shall remit all application fees received under this section to the State Treasurer for credit to the Innovation Hub Cash Fund.

(2) The department shall establish a weighted scoring system to evaluate applications for iHub designations with priority given to startup nonprofits expressing new and innovative ideas. Such weighted scoring system shall consider, at a minimum:

(a) Whether the iHub is committed to serving underrepresented communities in the proposed iHub area;

(b) Whether the iHub has a plan for marketing and outreach to underrepresented communities in the proposed iHub area;

(c) Whether the iHub has signed statements of cooperation with at least three proposed iHub partners; and

(d) The quality of the iHub's five-year plan.

(3) The director shall determine whether or not to approve the requested iHub designation by no later than July 1, 2023. Each iHub designation shall be for a term of five years. An applicant that has
received a grant under subdivision (4)(a) of section 81-12,241 shall not qualify for designation as an iHub.

(4) The iHub designation shall not be official until a memorandum of understanding is entered into by the applicant and the director. The memorandum of understanding shall include the goals and performance standards identified in the application and other related requirements as determined by the director.

(5) An iHub area may overlap with another iHub area if there is a clear distinction between the industry focus areas of the iHubs involved, except that no iHub located within a city of the metropolitan class shall be located within three miles of another iHub.

(6) The department shall set guidelines for approval, designation, operation, and reporting of iHubs.

(7) An iHub shall annually report to the director on its progress in meeting the goals and performance standards as described in the iHub application and the implementing memorandum of understanding with the director. The report shall also include information regarding the number of businesses served, the number of jobs created, and the amount of funds raised by the iHub. The director shall annually post the information from these reports on the department's website and provide notice to the Governor and the Legislature that the information is available on the website.

Sec. 36. Section 81-12,203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,203 Project means expenses incurred or to be incurred at one qualified location for:

(1) Site acquisition and preparation, utility extensions, and rail spur construction for the development of a new industrial rail access business park, including any such expenses incurred to assist an initial tenant at such business park that conducts business in the manufacturing, processing, distribution, or transloading trades; or
(2) Site acquisition and preparation and rail spur construction within thirty miles of the largest reservoir in this state.

Sec. 37. Section 81-12,211, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,211 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section subject to section 81-12,213, an applicant shall, subject to section 81-12,213, be entitled to receive matching funds from the State of Nebraska as follows:

(a) For any amount of investment up to two million five hundred thousand dollars made by the applicant by the end of the transformational period, the applicant shall be entitled to receive two dollars of matching funds for each such dollar of investment; and

(b) For any amount of investment in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars made by the applicant by the end of the transformational period, the applicant shall be entitled to receive five dollars of matching funds for each such dollar of investment.

(2) For any project described in subdivision (2) of section 81-12,203, the applicant shall be entitled to receive up to five million dollars of matching funds from the State of Nebraska without having to make any investment in the project. Any amount of matching funds in excess of five million dollars shall be paid in accordance with subsection (1) of this section.

(3) (2) Subject to section 81-12,213, the state shall pay the available matching funds to the applicant on an annual basis.

Sec. 38. Section 81-12,218, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,218 (1) The Nebraska Rural Projects Fund is hereby created. The fund shall receive money from application fees paid under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act and from transfers authorized by the Legislature, grants, private contributions, repayments of matching funds, and all other sources. Any money in the fund available for investment
shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

(2) Distributions of matching funds shall only be made from the fund in amounts determined pursuant to subsection (1) of section 81-12,211.

Sec. 39. Section 81-12,238, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,238 Sections 81-12,238 to 81-12,244 and section 44 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Economic Recovery Act.

Sec. 40. Section 81-12,240, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,240 For purposes of the Economic Recovery Act:

(1) Economic redevelopment area means an area in the State of Nebraska in which:

(a) The average rate of unemployment in the area during the period covered by the most recent federal decennial census or American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate by the United States Bureau of the Census is at least one hundred fifty percent of the average rate of unemployment in the state during the same period; and

(b) The average poverty rate in the area is twenty percent or more for the federal census tract in the area; and

(2) Qualified census tract means a qualified census tract as defined in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on January 1, 2022.

Sec. 41. Section 81-12,241, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,241 (1) A primary responsibility of the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development shall be to utilize federal or state funding to award grants as provided in this section. For grants awarded under this section, the division shall pay a grantee an advance of fifty percent of the total grant awarded with the
remaining grant funds paid on a monthly basis until the grant is paid in full or by December 31, 2026, whichever occurs sooner. The division may (a) require a grantee to return unused grant funds upon a documented finding that such funds are not being used for the purpose for which the grant was awarded or (b) reduce any future monthly payments by the amount of such unused funds already paid. The division shall develop a coordinated plan and a grant application and scoring process to award grants under subsection (3) of this section.

(2) The division coordinated plan developed pursuant to this section shall direct and prioritize the use of grants awarded under this section toward the economic recovery of those communities and neighborhoods within qualified census tracts or economic redevelopment areas located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency and related challenges, with an emphasis on housing needs, assistance for small businesses, job training, and business development within such communities and neighborhoods. In prioritizing the use of grants awarded within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class, the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division shall may rely on any studies produced pursuant to section 81-12,242. Not later than August 1, 2022, the division shall submit a copy of an initial coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature. Not later than December 1, 2022, the division shall submit a final copy of such coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature.

(3)(a) The Economic Recovery and Incentives Division shall create a Qualified Census Tract Recovery Grant Program to provide funding to public and private entities located within qualified census tracts throughout the state to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

(b) Not to exceed ten million dollars in grants shall be distributed
under the grant program to eligible grantees in qualified census tracts
that are located in a city of the primary class.

(c) Not to exceed ten million dollars in grants shall be distributed
under the grant program to eligible grantees in qualified census tracts
that are located outside of a city of the metropolitan class or a city of
the primary class.

(d)(i) All remaining funds shall be allocated for grants
distributed under the grant program to eligible grantees in qualified
census tracts that are located in a city of the metropolitan class, with
no less than thirty-five million dollars in such grants allocated to
eligible grantees which are located south of Dodge Street and east of
72nd Street in such city and no less than fifty-five million dollars in
such grants allocated to eligible grantees which are located north of
Dodge Street and east of 72nd Street in such city.

(ii) Any funds not applied for within such areas may be allocated
for grants to eligible grantees in any qualified census tract in such
city.

(4) In addition to grants under the Qualified Census Tract Recovery
Grant Program, the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division shall
provide grant funding for the following purposes:

(a) Not to exceed ninety sixty million dollars in grants to a
nonprofit economic development organization for the development of a
business park located within or adjacent to one or more qualified census
tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class
and within two miles of a major airport as defined in section 13-3303. An
innovation hub as defined in section 81-12,108 shall not qualify for a
grant under this subdivision;

(b) Not to exceed thirty million dollars in grants to one or more
innovation hubs located within or adjacent to in one or more qualified
census tracts and within two miles of a major airport as defined in
section 13-3303 providing services and resources within qualified census
tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class;

(c) Not to exceed three million dollars in grants in fiscal year 2022-23 and not to exceed three million dollars in fiscal year 2023-24 to a nonprofit organization partnering with a city of the metropolitan class for the purpose of providing internships and crime prevention within qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of such city;

(d) Not to exceed five million dollars in grants pursuant to the purposes of the Nebraska Film Office Fund on or before June 30, 2023, for the purpose of producing a film on Chief Standing Bear, a portion of which is to be filmed in one or more qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class;

(e) Not to exceed twenty million dollars in grants to public or private entities to prepare land parcels for affordable housing or conduct other eligible affordable housing interventions under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including production, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership units within qualified census tracts which are located in a city of the metropolitan class;

(f) Not to exceed twenty million dollars in grants to public or private entities to prepare land parcels for affordable housing or conduct other eligible affordable housing interventions under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 including production, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental housing and affordable homeownership units within qualified census tracts which are located in a city of the primary class;

(g) Not to exceed five million dollars in grants to a county agricultural society with facilities within a city of the primary class to recoup lost revenue; and

(h) Not to exceed one million dollars in grants to a postsecondary institution located in a qualified census tract in a city of the metropolitan class to provide funding for a financial literacy program to
improve economic and health outcomes for individuals residing in qualified census tracts.

(5) For purposes of subdivisions (4)(e) and (f) of this section, preparing land parcels shall include:

(a) Costs and fees associated with legal land surveys and structural assessments;

(b) Laying drinking water mains, lines, pipes, or channels;

(c) Development of access to essential utilities, such as sanitary sewer, electric, gas, and high-speed Internet;

(d) Rehabilitation, renovation, maintenance, or other costs to secure vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities;

(e) Acquiring and securing legal title of vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities;

(f) Testing, removal, and remediation of environmental contaminants or hazards from vacant or abandoned properties in disproportionately impacted communities when conducted in compliance with applicable environmental laws or regulations;

(g) Demolition or deconstruction of vacant or abandoned buildings in disproportionately impacted communities; and

(h) Costs associated with inspection fees and other administrative costs incurred to ensure compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations for demolition or other remediation activities in disproportionately impacted communities.

(6) All grants made by the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division utilizing federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall meet the eligible uses under such act and any relevant guidance on the use of such funds by the United States Department of the Treasury.

(7) All grants made by the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division
utilizing state funds to carry out subsection (2) of section 81-1239 are subject to the intent and basic parameters of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 but are not subject to meet the time restraints for allocation and spending of funds or the federal reporting requirements indicated in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Sec. 42. Section 81-12,243, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,243 (1) The Economic Recovery Contingency Fund is created. The fund shall consist of transfers by the Legislature to carry out the Economic Recovery Act. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Investment earnings on and after July 1, 2023, shall be credited to the fund.

(2) No funds shall be expended from the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund until the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development has submitted a final copy of its coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature pursuant to section 81-12,241 and to the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 43. Section 81-12,244, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

81-12,244 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate ten two hundred fifty million dollars from the General Fund federal funds for fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Economic Development to carry out the Economic Recovery Act. The federal funds described in this subsection are 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, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended. The department may use not more than ten million dollars of such money federal funds for the administration of the Economic Recovery Act.
of the intended appropriation described in subsection (1) of this section, eighty million dollars of such federal funds shall not be expended by the Department of Economic Development until the Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the department has submitted a final copy of its coordinated plan to the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature pursuant to section 81-12,241.

(2) The State Treasurer shall transfer (a) any interest earned after April 19, 2022, on federal 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, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended, to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund between June 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023, and on or before June 30 each year thereafter, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services and (b) any investment earnings from the investment of money in (i) the Perkins County Canal Project Fund pursuant to section 61-305 and (ii) the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund from transfers credited to such fund that are designated for the construction of a new state prison pursuant to section 72-1001 to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund between June 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023, and on or before June 30 each year thereafter through June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that any unobligated amount as of July 1, 2024, of the federal 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, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended, be appropriated to the Department of Economic Development to carry out the Economic Recovery Act no later than August 1, 2024.

(4) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate ten million dollars from the General Fund to the Department of Economic
Development for fiscal year 2022-23 to provide grants under the Economic Recovery Act.

(5) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer ten million dollars from the General Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and ten million dollars from the General Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund for fiscal year 2024-25 to provide grants under the Economic Recovery Act.

(7) The Department of Economic Development shall not use money from the General Fund to implement or administer the grants provided under the Economic Recovery Act.

Sec. 44. (1)(a) The Economic Recovery and Incentives Division of the Department of Economic Development shall create and administer the North and South Omaha Recovery Grant Program to provide grants as provided in this section to public and private entities to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency and build resilient and innovative communities.

(b) To be eligible for a grant under the North and South Omaha Recovery Grant Program, a project shall:

(i) Be listed in the coordination plan or appendices by the Economic Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature dated January 10, 2023; and

(ii) Explain how the grant will relieve the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency within a qualified census tract or an economic redevelopment area located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class and build resilient and innovative communities, with a priority on small business development, job creation, and economic development within such communities.

(2) When considering projects for grants under this section, the division shall use the coordination plan and appendices, dated January 10, 2023. Projects that would benefit communities and neighborhoods within qualified census tracts or economic redevelopment areas located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class with a priority
on small business development, job creation, and economic development within such communities and neighborhoods shall be prioritized.

(3) The division shall award additional grants for the following purposes:

(a) Not to exceed twenty million dollars in grants for the purpose of creating a museum located in one or more qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class and that is named in honor of a person inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame on or before September 1, 2023; and

(b) Not to exceed twenty million dollars in grants to federally qualified health centers located in a city of the metropolitan class. Such grants shall be used for persons receiving services under subsections (g), (h), or (i) of section 330 of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 254b, as such section existed on January 1, 2023.

(4) For grants awarded under this section, the division shall pay a grantee an advance of fifty percent of the total grant awarded with the remaining grant funds paid on a monthly basis until the grant is paid in full or by December 31, 2027, whichever occurs sooner. If a grantee does not use the grant funds paid, the division may (a) require such grantee to return such unused grant funds upon a documented finding that such funds have not been used or (b) reduce any future monthly payments by the amount of such unused grant funds already paid.

Sec. 45. Section 84-612, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

84-612 (1) There is hereby created within the state treasury a fund known as the Cash Reserve Fund which shall be under the direction of the State Treasurer. The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.

(2) The State Treasurer shall transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of Administrative Services that the current cash balance in the General Fund is inadequate to meet current obligations. Such certification shall
include the dollar amount to be transferred. Any transfers made pursuant
to this subsection shall be reversed upon notification by the Director of
Administrative Services that sufficient funds are available.

(3) In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash
Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of
Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue
sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.

(4) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty-four million seven
hundred thousand dollars on or after July 1, 2019, but before June 15,
2021, from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction
Fund on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget
administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative
Services.

(5) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifteen million
five hundred eighty thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the
Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after July 1, 2022, but before
June 15, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
Administrative Services.

(6) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty-three million five
hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Perkins County
Canal Project Fund on or before June 30, 2023, on such dates and in such
amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
the Department of Administrative Services.

(7) No funds shall be transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to
fulfill the obligations created under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive
Act unless the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund after such transfer will
be at least equal to five hundred million dollars.

(8) The State Treasurer shall transfer thirty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Military Base Development and Support Fund
on or before June 30, 2023, but not before July 1, 2022, on such dates
and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(9) The State Treasurer shall transfer eight million three hundred
thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Trail Development and
Maintenance Fund on or after July 1, 2022, but before July 30, 2022, on
such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(10) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Rural Projects Fund on or after
July 1, 2022, but before July 15, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts
as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
Department of Administrative Services.

(11) The State Treasurer shall transfer thirty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund on
or after July 1, 2022, but before July 15, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as
directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
Department of Administrative Services.

(12) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund on or after July
1, 2022, but before June 15, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as
directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
Department of Administrative Services.

(13) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment
Fund on July 15, 2022, or as soon thereafter as administratively
possible, and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of
the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(14) The State Treasurer shall transfer eighty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative
Fund on or after July 1, 2022, but before July 15, 2023, on such dates
and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(15) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on July
15, 2022, or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, and in such
amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
the Department of Administrative Services.

(16) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund
on or after July 15, 2022, but before January 1, 2023, on such dates and
in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget
division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(17) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifteen million dollars from
the Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on or
before June 30, 2022, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
Administrative Services.

(18) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty-five million dollars
from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund on
or before June 30, 2022, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by
the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
Administrative Services.

(19) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the
Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund as soon as administratively
possible after the effective date of this act, on such dates and in such
amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
the Department of Administrative Services.

(20) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million dollars from the
Cash Reserve Fund to the Revitalize Rural Nebraska Fund as soon as
administratively possible after the effective date of this act, on such
dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the
budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
Sec. 46.  (1) The Game and Parks Commission shall construct, develop, and manage a museum and visitor center honoring Chief Standing Bear.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the Game and Parks Commission for the Chief Standing Bear Museum and visitor center:

(a) Not more than fifteen million dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 from investment earnings from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund and credited to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund as provided in section 61-305 for construction of the museum and visitor center;

(b) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 from investment earnings from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund and credited to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund as provided in section 61-305 for exhibit fabrication and historical interpretation; and

(c) Two hundred thousand dollars in fiscal year 2025-26 for staffing.

(3) The Game and Parks Commission may execute a memorandum of understanding or contract with the Nebraska State Historical Society for purposes of museum and visitor center development, exhibit fabrication, and historical interpretation.

Sec. 47.  If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
Sec. 49. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.