

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (UPDATED)
LB1071

Hearing Date: Monday February 02, 2026
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Speaker Arch
One Liner: Provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Lippincott, Dover, Clements, Armendariz, Spivey, Strommen, Dorn
Nay:	1	Senator Prokop
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Cavanaugh, M.

Testimony:

Proponents:

Neil Sullivan

Representing:

Opening Presenter

Opponents:

Katie Torpy
Justin Hubly

Representing:

The Nature Conservancy
Nebraska Association of Public Employees AFSCME Local 61
Audubon Great Plains
Education Rights Council
OpenSky Policy Institute
Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
Self
Nebraska Bankers Association
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
Self
Self
Stand For Schools
League of Women Voters of Nebraska
Alzheimers Association

Traci Bruckner
Spike Eickholt
Craig Beck
Mike Sciandra
Matthew Martin
Megan Kumpula
Ryan McIntosh
Christon MacTaggart

Hannah Young
Crystal Garcia
Jarel Vinduska
Daniel Russell
Rachel Gibson
Alex DeGarmo

Neutral:

Representing:



Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment, AM2162, becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Appropriations Committee's recommendation for the bulk of appropriations to be made during the budget biennium for state operations and state aid. Statutorily authorized transfers among funds are made in conformance with budget requirements as are transfers from the General Fund.

Please refer to "State of Nebraska FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 109th Legislature, Second Session" published March 2026.

A description of General Fund appropriations begins on page 21 for agency operations and state aid. Discussion of cash fund appropriations begins on page 38, as well as sections for federal or revolving fund appropriations and capital construction (page 52-53). Data for all items approved by the Appropriations Committee begins on page 55.

Bills incorporated into LB 1071:

LB 1140 (Spivey) – The bill earmarks \$500,000 of existing appropriated General Funds in FY26-27 within the State Department of Education Vocational Rehabilitation Program for a multi-trade pre-apprenticeship pilot program serving young adults and preparing them for registered apprenticeships and entry-level construction employment within a city of the metropolitan class.

Testifiers on LB1140:

Proponents:

Senator Ashlei Spivey , Opening Presenter

Lindy Foley, Nebraska Department of Education

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1140:

Yes: 9 Clements, Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 0;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 1070 (Dover) – The bill appropriates \$6,000,000 cash funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in FY2026-27 for disbursement of funds to approved projects under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

Testifiers on LB1070:

Proponents:

Senator Robert Dover , Opening Presenter

Carol Bodeen, Nebraska Housing Developers Association, Nebraska Economic Developers Association

Jewel Rogers, Nebraska State Poet, SPARK



Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1070:

Yes: 8 Clements, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 1 Armendariz;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 1190 (Conrad) – The bill amends earmark language to expand eligibility for aid for mentorship programs for nonprofit organizations, administered by the Department of Economic Development.

Testifiers on LB1190:

Proponents:

Senator Danielle Conrad , Opening Presenter

Sarah Waldman, Girl Scouts

Opponents: None

Neutral:

Melissa Mayo, Mentor Nebraska

Committee vote to attach LB1190:

Yes: 8 Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 1 Clements;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 1248 (Dover) – The bill, as introduced, appropriates \$38 million General Funds for a grant to a city of the first class for wastewater treatment facilities, meeting certain conditions. The Committee amended the bill to change the funding source from General Funds to federal funds. The amendment also earmarked federal funds, which were previously appropriated to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, for this purpose and additional conditions were added to require certification of matching funds by an applicant to be eligible for a grant.

Testifiers on LB1248:

Proponents:

Senator Robert Dover , Opening Presenter

Shane Clausen, Mayor of City of Norfolk

Steven Rames, City of Norfolk

Zoran Vrebac, Self

Walter Aschoff, Self

Kris Bousquet, Nebraska State Dairy Association, Nebraska Farm Bureau, Nebraska Soybean Association

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1248:

Yes: 9 Clements, Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 0;

Absent: 0;



Present Not Voting: 0;

LB 858 (Frederickson) – The bill appropriates \$500,000 for FY2026-27 from the Health Care Cash Fund to Department of Health and Human Services for aid to federally qualified health centers for expanded health care access through the community health centers, including, but not limited to, expanding existing lines of service such as behavioral health or dental services, adding new lines of service, adding new service locations, purchasing equipment, or completing capital projects.

Testifiers on LB858:

Proponents:

Senator John Fredrickson , Opening Presenter

Amy Behnke, Health Center Association of Nebraska

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB858:

Yes: 5 Cavanaugh, M., Dover, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen;

No: 4 Clements, Armendariz, Dorn, Lippincott;

Absent: 0;

Present Not Voting: 0;

Robert Clements, Chairperson

